



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

## This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday July 17	Monday July 18	Tuesday July 19	Wednesday July 20	Thursday July 21	Friday July 22	Saturday July 23
<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>  <b>9:15 am Divine Service</b>  <b>11:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class</b>	<i>Pastor's Family Day</i>				<b>LWML Officers Re- treat</b>	Men's Bible Study @ 8:00  <b>8:30a-3:00p</b>  <b>LWML Officers Re- treat</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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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

“You hear Christ say that the Holy Spirit will ‘convince the world of sin,’ and that He will do this through the agency of these messengers of His. Therefore it is not they who do so; it is the Holy Spirit, at Whose order and in Whose office they are preaching. If He did not do it, they, too, would surely refrain.” (commenting on today’s Gospel: Luke 5:1-11, in Luther’s Works – volume 24, p. 337–38)

### Altar Flowers

Penny’s Florist who supplies our Altar Flowers each week, is having to raise the price of the flowers for the first time in several years due to fuel cost, etc.

The Altar Flowers from this day forward will be \$50.00 for both vases, or \$25.00 for one vase.

There are dates still open this year (especially in October) if you would like to sign up for a special occasion or event!

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**Elijah** (July 20<sup>th</sup>) – The prophet Elijah, whose name means: “My God is Yahweh,” prophesied in the northern kingdom of Israel, mostly during the reign of Ahab (874–853 B.C.). Under the influence of his pagan wife Jezebel, Ahab had encouraged the worship of Baal throughout his kingdom, even as Jezebel sought to get rid of the worship of Yahweh. Elijah was called by God to denounce this idolatry and to call the people of Israel back to the worship of Yahweh as the only true God (as he did in 1Kings 18:20–40).

Elijah was a rugged and imposing figure, living in the wilderness and dressing in a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt (2Kings 1:8). He was a prophet mighty in word and deed who performed many miracles, including raising the dead (1Kings 17:17–24) and effecting a long drought in Israel (1Kings 17:1). At the end of his ministry he was taken up into heaven as Elisha, his successor, looked on (2Kings 2:11). Later on the prophet Malachi proclaimed that Elijah would return before the coming of the Messiah (Malachi 4:5–6), a prophecy that was fulfilled in the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist (Matthew 11:14).

Collect: Lord God, heavenly Father, through the prophet Elijah You continued the prophetic pattern of teaching Your people the truth 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 through the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments.

**Ezekiel** (July 21<sup>st</sup>) – Ezekiel, son of Buzi, was a priest called by God to be a prophet to the exiles during the Babylonian captivity (Ezra 1:3). In 597 B.C. King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian army brought the king of Judah and thousands of the best citizens of Jerusalem, including Ezekiel, to Babylon (2Kings 24:8–16). Ezekiel’s priestly background profoundly stamped his prophecy, as the holiness of God and the Temple figure prominently in his messages (see for example Ezekiel 9–10 and 40–

48). From 593 B.C. to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 587 B.C. Ezekiel prophesied the inevitability of divine judgment on Jerusalem, on the exiles in Babylon, and on seven nations that surrounded Israel (Ezekiel 1–32), warning that Jerusalem would fall and the exiles would not quickly return, as a just consequence of their sin. Once word reached Ezekiel that Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed, his message became one of comfort and hope as through him God promised that His people would experience future restoration, renewal and revival in the coming Messianic Kingdom (Ezekiel 33–48).

Much of the strange symbolism of Ezekiel’s prophecies was later employed in the Revelation to St. John.

Collect: Lord God, heavenly Father, through the prophet Ezekiel You continued the prophetic pattern of teaching Your people the truth 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 through the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments.

**St. Mary Magdalene** (July 22<sup>nd</sup>) – Mary Magdalene followed Jesus after He had cast out seven demons from her (Luke 8:2). She was present at the crucifixion (Matthew 27:55-56) and was one of the women who went to the tomb on Easter Sunday to anoint Jesus’ body (Matthew 28:1-10). According to the Gospel of John (20:11-18), Mary was the first to see the risen Lord, and He sent her to deliver a message to the apostles.

Although the Western church has at times identified her as either the penitent prostitute (Luke 7:36-50) or as the sister of Martha and Lazarus, there is no biblical basis for these identifications, and the Eastern church has treated them as three different women.

Collect: Almighty God, Your Son: Jesus Christ, restored Mary Magdalene to health, and called her to be the first witness of His resurrection. Heal us from all our infirmities, and call us to know You in the power of Your Son’s unending life.

## Stewardship

July 17—Fifth Sunday after Trinity

**1 Kings 19:18 – “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”**

Elijah was so sure that he was right — that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can’t go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He was revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God’s work in the Church with our offering. Take a look in Luther’s Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

## INVITATION TO JOIN ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild at Faith Lutheran invites women and men of all ages to participate in this service opportunity. Members of the Altar Guild clean, maintain, and prepare the furnishings, vessels, paraments, vestments, and other items used in the worship services at Faith Lutheran Church.

As we prepare a schedule of service for the year 2022-2023, we ask that you consider joining this group. If you have questions or are interested in joining the Altar Guild, please speak to the chairman, Debby Thompson. You may also call her at 765-620-1280.

## RECEIVING IN FAITH: JULY 10, 2022

9:15 am Divine Service: 78

## Ushers and Greeters Needed

Ushers and Greeters are needed. Please contact Richard Curry or Jim Arthur if interested or desire more information.

## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration is now open for everyone for the 2022-2023 school year. We still have openings in our 3’s and PreK classes. If you know of someone who might be interested, please share this information with them. Preschool brochures and registration forms can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the Director, Rebecca Shanton, at the preschool, 317-468-0610, by text, 260-343-1602, or by email: [rshanton.faithpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:rshanton.faithpreschool@gmail.com).

## EXCHANGE STUDENTS

I am a Local Coordinator with **STS Foundation** for International High School Exchange Students. We work with high schools throughout the U.S. and seek host families and individuals to match with exchange students preparing to attend the 2022-2023 school year.

Are you interested in hosting an exchange student? We are proud to offer American families the opportunity to become citizen diplomats by welcoming an international high school student into their home. We currently have male and female exchange students coming from Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the list continues to grow. Our students have all types of interests that match a host family; from music abilities, sports, theater, outdoor interests, and many, many more! By living as a household member, the student learns about an American way of life and the host families, church, school, and community also benefit and experience a new culture. An exchange student provides an immense perspective and expands its high school’s students and community’s cultural appreciation.

Thank you,  
Tim Beals  
Local Coordinator—IN/IL Region  
(317) 440-5170

## District Office Opening

The Indiana District Office has a part-time opening for the position of Office Administrative Assistant. We are searching for a friendly, organized and versatile individual who can work on a variety of tasks between multiple departments and shares our common goal of serving the churches and schools of the Indiana District. Qualifications include but are not limited to a servant attitude, effective communication skills, clerical skills, strong technical skills, self-starter, willingness to learn, and attention to detail. Job duties include but are not limited to greeting people in person and over the phone, deposit preparation, conference registration, newsletter arrangement, ordering supplies, and mailings. **Please note that the Indiana District will not be providing compensation for moving costs.** If you have questions, please call the Indiana District Office at 260-423-1511. Interested individuals can send their resume by August 5th to the following e-mail: [lisa.slack@in.lcms.org](mailto:lisa.slack@in.lcms.org) or by mail to:

Attn: Lisa Slack  
 Indiana District—LCMS  
 1145 S. Barr St.  
 Fort Wayne IN 46802

## WORSHIP ANEW (WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS)

July 17, 2022 – Fifth Sunday after Trinity  
 Psalm 27:7-14; Colossians 1:21-29; Luke 10:38-42  
 Sermon Text: Luke 10:41-42

“Rightly Ordered Love”  
 Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

“I feel as if I’m being pulled in a dozen directions,” is a common lament in today’s world. Jesus knows these directions and, in fact, has given us a myriad of things to enjoy in this world. By listening to His voice, we learn to love these gifts in the right order.

## IN THE LORD’S SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Organist .....Mr. Richard Thompson  
 Crucifer/Acolyte ..... Josey Shanton  
 Communion Assistants .....Jeff Corlew  
 and Jeff Dickmader  
 Greeters..... Rick and Joyce Riegle  
 Ushers .... Richard Curry, Jim Arthur, & Ed Fox  
 Youth Assistant..... Bailey Shanton  
 Altar Guild..... Julie Dickmader  
 and Pattie Fitzwater  
 Fellowship/ Refreshments ..... The O’Connor,  
 and Surburg Families

## KFUO RADIO

**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](https://www.facebook.com/KFUOradio) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/KFUOradio), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/KFUOradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUOradio).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Study a variety of Psalms on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT), study Genesis 35-39 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), and join us for Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center (weekdays at 10:00 am, CT).

## RESPONDING IN FATH: HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

General Fund .....	\$4,514.81
Memorials .....	50.00
Pre-School .....	1,217.59
LCMS .....	50.00

**Total ..... \$5,832.40**

## Voice of CareFEST!

Celebrate people of all abilities at **Voice of CareFEST!** This **FREE**, inclusive fun fest takes place on **Saturday, July 23 at St. John Lutheran Church, 6630 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis IN 46203**. This **FREE** family-friendly celebration features a complimentary Chick-Fil-A picnic lunch, an inclusive fun walk, games, crafts, and music, while promoting physical, emotional, and spiritual care for people with cognitive disabilities and their caregivers in the Southeastern region of Indianapolis.

It's all **FREE**, but please register online at **VoiceOfCare.org**.

**Questions?** Contact Rev. Paul Klopke at 847-529-8535 or Ivonne Zimmer at 317-408-8429.

## CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

- Brian Atkins (Chairman)
- Vacant—Vice-Chairman
- Mary Jo McConnell (Recording Secretary)
- Joel Leonard (Treasurer)
- Vacant—Parochial Ed. Chair
- Vacant—Evangelism Chair
- Jeff Dickmader (Properties Chair)
- Rebecca Shanton (Parish Ed. Chair)
- Vacant—Stewardship Chairman

Elders:

- Shawn Houser
- James Froiland
- Mark Jenkins
- Chris Ebling
- Mike Drake

## Love INC News

### Staff Update

Melissa Ham who has served as the Love INC Safe Families and Family Hope Representative for Hancock County, is stepping down from her position. Love INC has been fortunate to have her on staff since 2015, and she has done wonderful work assisting families needing a safe place for their children as they work through a crisis.

If you know a family needing Family Hope Assistance, you can call Love INC or the Family Hope, Hope Line, and a staff member will be glad to help.

Love INC: 317-468-6300

Hope Line 317-456-5220

### Love INC Needs

- Mentors needed to walk alongside neighbors enrolled in the budgeting classes.
- Our Furniture Ministry needs queen-size box springs, working washers, dryers, and refrigerators.

### Upcoming Fundraiser

Indianapolis Brass Choir at Park Chapel Christian Church on October 23 @ 4:00 pm. More details coming, save the date!

### Ways to Support Love INC

1. One-Time Donation
2. Recurring Donation
3. Amazon Smile
4. Kroger
5. Endowment Fund

## CAMP LUTHERHAVEN

We are in full swing here at Camp Lutherhaven and are enjoying the opportunity of spending time out in God's creation sharing about Christ's love with hundreds of campers! We look forward to seeing many more campers and families yet this summer.

- **Summer Camp now through August 5th**

Come join us for overnight camp! We have available spots in several of our camps for first through 12 graders.

- **Family Camp 2 - July 22-24**

Get away with your entire family to create some unforgettable memories together. Great family activities along with relaxing free time create a weekend that will be a highlight of the summer.

- **Kinder Camp 2 - Saturday, July 23**

Kinder Camp provides a time for the young camper and parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, Godparent, etc. to experience the great outdoors and is a great way to get acquainted with Camp and God's Creation for those in or entering Kindergarten.

- **Lutherhaven's Annual Chicken Dinner Sunday, July 24**

Join us for Lutherhaven's annual Chicken Dinner fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards Lutherhaven's Campership Fund, providing assistance to families to help campers come to summer camp at Lutherhaven.

- **Moose Mulligan and Paw Paw Putt Saturday, August 6**

You're invited to join us for Camp Lutherhaven's first ever family friendly, Disc Golf Event called the Moose Mulligan and Paw Paw Putt. This Saturday will include a tournament for adults and a clinic and mini tournament for children, ages 5-12.

If you have any questions, please contact Camp Lutherhaven at 260-636-7101 or for more information, please visit [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org).

## Moments of Comfort

### *Families: Encourage One Another*

*Theme Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

*Speaker: Rev. Jim Elsner*

Families are designed by God for encouragement. For encouragement of a style and nature that's beyond that of sports fans. Here's what the Bible says:

***"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.***

1 Thessalonians 5:11

It's a great Word, isn't it? God intends for our families to be places of encouragement—for the expression of love of God we have for one another.

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. You can find us on our You Tube channel.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Barbara Burnham ..... 07/17  
 Ann Coon ..... 07/18  
 Mason Corlew ..... 07/20  
 Bob Fox ..... 07/22  
 Rick Riegle ..... 07/23

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

No Baptismal Birthdays this Week

**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.***

*Dolores Palmer (Elise Temme's Grandmother)*  
 Stroke

*Cathy Harlow (Keith Harlow's Sister)*  
 Cancer/Chemo

*Lillian Hughes*  
 (The Dobbs' 3 year old great granddaughter)

*Dick & Jan Schildmeier*  
 (Mike & Susie's Sister-in-Law)  
 Cancer

*Melvin Biberdorf (Laura Bearman's Brother)*  
 Cancer

*Jeremy and Kori Gartz*  
 (Brenda Dillman's nephew and wife)

*Woody Yarwood*  
 Cancer

*Cindy Dungan*  
 (Sister of Susan Sedam & Mike Schildmier)  
 Needs Kidney Transplant

*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

*Jenny VanKauenbergh*  
 Homebound

**Serving our Country**

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