



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday July 24	Monday July 25	Tuesday July 26	Wednesday July 27	Thursday July 28	Friday July 29	Saturday July 30
<p><b>Sixth Sunday after Trinity</b></p> <p><b>9:15 am Divine Service</b></p> <p><b>11:00 am Sunday School and Bible Class</b></p>						<p>Men's Bible Study @ 8:00</p>
<p><b>Pastor O'Connor Away on Vacation</b></p>						

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

“This is one kind of confession, the kind which one must make openly before men, acknowledging one’s guilt. I am not righteous before God; neither am I righteous before the world, when measured by the common kind of guilt. Each one has a claim on every other one, and no one satisfies that claim; therefore each must pray the other to forgive him.” (found in Luther’s Works – volume 36, p. 357)

## 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

**St. James the Elder, Apostle** (July 25<sup>th</sup>) – James, the son of Zebedee and brother of John, was one of the first apostles to be called by Jesus (Matthew 4:18-22). James, John and Peter were the only apostles present at the raising of Jairus' daughter, the Transfiguration of Jesus, and Jesus' agony in the garden. James was the first apostle to suffer martyrdom and the only one whose martyrdom is recorded in Scripture (Acts 12:1-2). He was beheaded by Herod Agrippa I, probably sometime between 42 and 44 A.D.

Collect: O gracious God, Your servant and apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service, that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone.

**Johann Sebastian Bach, Kantor** (July 28<sup>th</sup>) – Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750) is acknowledged as one of the most famous and gifted of all composers, past and present, in the entire western world. Orphaned at the age of ten, Bach was mostly self-taught in music. His professional life as conductor, performer, composer, teacher, and organ consultant began at the age of 19 in the town of Arnstadt, and ended in Leipzig, where for the last 27 years of his life Bach was responsible for all the music in the city's four Lutheran churches. In addition to his being a superb keyboard artist, the genius and bulk of Bach's vocal and instrumental compositions remain overwhelming. A devout and devoted Lutheran, he is especially honored in Christendom for his lifelong insistence that his music was written primarily for the liturgical life of the Church, to glorify God and edify His people.

Collect: Almighty God, beautiful in majesty and majestic in holiness, You have taught us in Holy Scripture to sing Your praises, and You gave to Your servant Johann Sebastian Bach grace to show forth Your glory in his music. Continue to grant this gift of inspiration to all Your servants who write and make music for Your people, that with joy we on earth may glimpse Your beauty and at length know the inexhaustible richness of Your new creation.

**Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany** (July 29<sup>th</sup>) – Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany were

disciples with whom Jesus had a special bond of love and friendship. John's Gospel records that "Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus" (John 11:15). On one occasion Martha welcomed Jesus into their home for a meal. While she did all the work, Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening to His Word and was commended by Jesus for choosing the "good portion which will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:38–42). When their brother Lazarus died, Jesus spoke to Martha this beautiful Gospel promise: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25–27). Ironically, when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead the Jews became more determined than ever to kill Jesus (John 11:39–54). Six days before Jesus was crucified, Mary anointed His feet with a very expensive fragrant oil and wiped them with her hair, not knowing at the time that she was doing it in preparation for Jesus' burial (John 12:1–8; Mt. 26:6–13).

Collect: Heavenly Father, Your beloved Son befriended frail humans like us to make us Your own. Teach us to be like Jesus' dear friends from Bethany, that we might serve Him faithfully like Martha, learn from Him earnestly like Mary, and ultimately be raised by Him like Lazarus.

**Robert Barnes, Confessor and Martyr** (July 30<sup>th</sup>) – Remembered as a devoted disciple of Martin Luther, Robert Barnes is considered to be among the first Lutheran martyrs. Born in 1495, Barnes became the prior of the Augustinian monastery at Cambridge, England. Converted to Lutheran teaching, he shared his insights with many English scholars through writings and personal contacts. During a time of exile to Germany, he became friends with Luther and later wrote a Latin summary of the main doctrines of the Augsburg Confession titled *Sententiae*. Upon his return to England, Barnes shared his Lutheran doctrines and views in person with King Henry VIII. The changing political and ecclesiastical climate in his native country, however, claimed him as a victim; he was burned at the stake in Smithfield in 1540. His final confession of faith was published by Luther, who called his friend Barnes: "our good, pious dinner guest and houseguest ... this holy martyr, St. Robert Barnes."

Collect: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You gave courage to Your servant Robert Barnes to give up his life for confessing the true faith during the Reformation. May we continue steadfast in our confession of the apostolic faith and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.

## Stewardship

July 24—Sixth Sunday after Trinity

**Matthew 5:23** – “So if you are offering your gifts at the altar....”

Jesus connects our generosity toward God’s Kingdom to our love and forgiveness toward our brethren in the Kingdom. Both grow out of God’s love toward us. We forgive as we have been forgiven, and we give as we have been given to. All our growth in sanctification is growing into our Heavenly Father’s own actions through thankful imitation.

## 30th Annual Golf Outing

The **30th Annual Lutheran High School Golf Outing** will take place on Saturday, August 6th at Martinsville Golf Club. Check-in and lunch begin at 12:30 pm, and the Golf Scramble with a Shotgun Start follows at 2:00 pm. Proceeds will benefit LHS Annual Fund. Register now at [LHSI.org](http://LHSI.org).

## RECEIVING IN FAITH: JULY 17, 2022

9:15 am Divine Service: 81

## 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 24, 2022 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity  
 Psalm 138; Genesis 18:20-33; Luke 11:1-13  
 Sermon Text: Genesis 18:20-33

“Pray Like Abraham”  
 Rev. Walter Maier III

How are we to pray? Learn from Abraham!  
 Let us pray humbly, but also confidently, boldly, and persistently.

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Organist ..... Mr. David Temme  
 Crucifer/Acolyte ..... Paul Surburg  
 Communion Assistants ..... Tom Fitzwater  
 and James Froiland  
 Greeters..... Rick and Joyce Riegle  
 Ushers .... Richard Curry, Jim Arthur, & Ed Fox  
 Youth Assistant..... Bailey Shanton  
 Altar Guild..... Julie Dickmander  
 and Pattie Fitzwater  
 Fellowship/ Refreshments ..... The Corlew,  
 and Dickmander 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** 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 KFUE.org:** Celebrate J.S. Bach during Bach Week on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 am, CT), study Genesis 40-44 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), and hear about Augsburg Confession Article XXVII: Monastic Vows on Concord Matters (07/30 at 10:00 am, CT).

## RESPONDING IN FATH: JULY 17, 2022

General Fund .....	\$5,705.81
LCMS .....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,755.81</b>

## 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.

- **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: Submit to One Another*

*Theme Text: Ephesians 5:21*

*Speaker: Rev. Jim Elsner*

Families are designed by God for life together. But there are times when family life can wear thin. Life together in families is messy. What holds a family together is the love and commitment to Christ and to 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.

## KENNETH BUTLER MEMORIAL SOUP KITCHEN

Jill Ebbert, from the Kenneth Butler Memorial Soup Kitchen is in desperate need of volunteers to work the Soup Kitchen now that the dining room has re-opened. You don't have to cook, there are other areas that you can work in, we need dishwashers, cleaning crews, someone to fold silverware, etc., etc...if you have the time, we definitely can use you. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact us [kbmsk@myineststar.net](mailto:kbmsk@myineststar.net).

We also have a couple of fundraisers coming up, there will be a Strike Out Hunger Bowling Fundraiser on August 28th at the Strike Force Lanes. It is \$25.00 per player, and the money will be used for general operations.

Also we will be having a Euchre Party on September 10th at the Elks Club. Registration and food starts at 5:30, and you must be registered by 6:15 to play Euchre at 6:30. Bring plenty of Quarters!!

For more information, see the flyers on the bulletin board outside the church office.

**CHURCH LEADERS**

**Lutheran Child & Family Services**

**Council:**

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

**Elders:**

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

Lutheran Child and Family Services is searching for an exempt full-time Sharing Place Coordinator. The Sharing Place Coordinator is responsible for running day-to-day operations of the Sharing Place Food Pantry located in the MSD of Lawrence Township Education and Community Center. The majority of the Sharing Place labor force is made up of volunteers.

Pay Rate: \$36,000/year—\$39,000/year

Lutheran Child and Family Services is searching for a part-time Sharing Place Assistant. The Sharing Place Assistant will support the Sharing Place Coordinator in the daily operations of the Sharing Place Food Pantry to include coordinating volunteer schedules, data collection, and reporting. Additionally, the Sharing Place Assistant will lead other programmatic give-away opportunities, including, but not limited to: TEDD, Thanksgiving Bag Give-A-Way, and Christmas Store. All programs have a volunteer labor force.

Pay Rate: \$15.50/hour—\$17.50/hour

If you are interested in either of these positions or know someone who might be, you will find the job descriptions for both positions on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Kelly O'Connor ..... 07/26  
 Susan Pearson ..... 07/26  
 Sandy Wilson ..... 07/26

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Mason Corlew ..... 07/24  
 Debbie Dishman ..... 07/25  
 Tom Fitzwater ..... 07/26  
 Nora Tierney ..... 07/28  
 Bailey Shanton ..... 07/29

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Bob & Lori Yeager (29 yrs.) ..... 07/24

**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.***

*Brice Thompson Family*  
*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)