



FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Nov. 13	Monday Nov. 14	Tuesday Nov. 15	Word Day Nov. 16	Thursday Nov. 17	Friday Nov. 18	Saturday Nov. 19
22nd Sunday after Trinity 9:15 am Divine Service 11:00 am Special Voters Meeting & Sunday School	<i>Preschool</i> Handbells @ 6:45 pm <i>Pastor's Family Day</i>	<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Preschool</i> 9:30 am Bible Study 11:00 am Morning Prayer Choir @ 6:00 <u>Faith by Heart</u> 6th/7th gd. Jr. Cat. @ 6:00 pm Chapel @ 7:00 pm 8th gd. Jr. Cat. @ 8:00 pm	<i>Preschool</i> Church Council @ 6:30	<i>Preschool</i>	Men's Bible Study @ 8:00–9:15 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

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

“Just as we daily sin much against God, and yet He forgives everything through grace, so we, too, must ever forgive our neighbor who does us injury, violence, and wrong, shows malice toward us, and so on. If, therefore, you do not forgive, then do not think that God forgives you [Matthew 18:23-25] ... But If you forgive, you have this comfort and assurance, that you are forgiven in heaven ... For Baptism and the Lord's Supper – appointed as outward signs – work as seals [Eph. 1:13]. In the same way also, this sign can serve to confirm our consciences and cause them to rejoice.” (quoted from the Large Catechism, Part III: the Lord's Prayer – Luther's explanation of the Fifth Petition [94-95, 98]; Concordia, p.419-420)

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

There will be a Special Voters Meeting **TODAY** at 11:00 am. We will be voting on the **2023 Budget**.

You can pick up a copy of the budget in the Narthex.

Brian Atkins

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.

Stewardship

Philippians 1:3, 5 - “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you ... because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”

God doesn't need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become “partners in the Gospel.” This is a gift of His grace. He invites us to do significant work in the Kingdom of God through our tithes and offerings.

CHRISTMAS CONNECTION

Would you be willing to sponsor a family 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 2022 to help provide a child's Christmas. If you are interested in sponsoring a family, you can sign up on the Love INC website, or call us at 317-468-6300 or email debra@loveinc-ghc.org.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions and thank you for your willingness to help Hancock County families needing assistance.

Scholarship Opportunity

My name is Josh Baggett and I am the Alumni Scholarship Chairman for the Alpha Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi—National Lutheran Fraternity. I'm contacting you to inform you of scholarship opportunities our organization has to offer Lutheran High School Seniors. Our Alumni Chapter is offering a \$3,000.00 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2023. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to a member of the fraternity to receive this award. Runner-ups may be eligible for \$1,000.00. All applications are due March 4th, 2023. For more information, please check out <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/>

THE CHRISTMAS STORE

Christmas is a time for love and generosity, it's a time for sharing our blessings with others. Here at Lutheran Child and Family Services it is a time to illuminate the true meaning of Christmas by demonstrating our compassion and caring with those that need our help the most. Every year we show our gratitude to God for giving us the greatest gift, his son.

The Foundation for Lutheran Child and Family Services has had the blessing of making Christmas a little merrier for Indianapolis families in need. Area social workers identify and refer families to "shop" for their families' at The Christmas Store.

The Christmas Store is one of the few remaining local Christmas Assistance programs that serve the whole family. In addition to toys, each family receives a grocery store gift card, family board game, hats, gloves, household items, and gift wrap. The Christmas Store is an unique experience for everyone involved! Cash donations are also needed.

The Christmas Store will take place Monday, December 5th thru Thursday, December 8th. This year Cornerstone Lutheran Church will be hosting the Christmas Store at 2837 E. New York St., Indianapolis IN 46201.

2023 Altar Flowers

Flower cost is \$50.00 for both vases or \$25.00 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS KETTLES

The Salvation Army of Hancock County even though our Red Kettle Campaign is a little ways out, we are hoping you would partner with us in 2022. This year we have helped so many people with housing, food, medication, utilities, school supplies, warming stations, etc. As you know the need in our county is great and the majority of our funds come from the bell ringing campaign. Could you please help us out by ringing the bells (for a location—like Kroger's every Thursday 4-6, or commit to several shifts). You could even have a kettle at your location for an offering. If you have questions, please give us a call/text: Jim Peters, 317-372-2304 or Jill Null, 317-414-4805

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 now open**. 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

Camp Lutherhaven Outdoor Ministry Center

Address: 1596 S 150 W | Albion, IN 46701

Office: 260-636-7101 Fax: 260-636-3032

Email: keith@lutherhaven.org

Website: www.lutherhaven.org

LOVE, INC Product Drive 2022

Love INC is hosting a product drive for one of our Household and Hygiene Outreach (H2O) Gap Ministries. If your church, small group, or business is looking for a service project, this is a great way to serve our Hancock County Neighbors. The product drive lasts through November.

Drop Off Locations:

- St. James Lutheran Church (1741 S. State St.) M-F 9:00 am—1:00 pm
- Love INC (630 N. State St.) M-F 9:00 am— 4:00 pm

Items Needed:

- ◇ Deodorant
- ◇ Shampoo for men
- ◇ Conditioner for men
- ◇ Band-Aids
- ◇ All purpose cleaner
- ◇ Laundry detergent
- ◇ Glass cleaner
- ◇ Furniture polish
- ◇ Dish detergent
- ◇ Toilet paper
- ◇ Paper towels
- ◇ Trash Bags—Tall Kitchen
- ◇ Zip lock baggies—all sizes
- ◇ Foil
- ◇ Plastic Wrap

Thank you for Blessing our community!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

CHURCH LEADERS

Council:

Brian Atkins (Chairman)
 Chris Ebling (Vice-Chairman)
 Mary Jo McConnell (Recording Secretary)
 Joel Leonard (Treasurer)
 Jessica Corlew (Parochial Ed. Chair)
 Amanda Houser & Julie Dickmander
 (Evangelism Co-Chairs)
 Jeff Dickmander (Properties Chair)
 Jeff Dickmander & Dr. Matthew Surburg
 (Parish Education Co-Chairs)
 Mike Drake (Stewardship Chairman)

Elders:

James Froiland (Chair)
 Shawn Houser
 Mark Jenkins
 Chris Ebling
 Mike Drake

KFUO RADIO

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of November 13:

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 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 KFUO.org:

Study the 2nd Article of the Creed on Concord Matters (11/19 at 11:00 am, CT), study Exodus 5-9 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), and hear conversations from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 am, CT).

WORSHIP ANEW (WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS)

Psalm 98; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 21:5-28
 Sermon Text: Luke 21:5-28

“Redemption Draws Near” – Rev. Shayne Jonker

Just when things are at their worst and you are left with literally nothing in this world, precisely then, “straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption draws near.” Jesus is near now, in Word and Supper, and soon in visible glory, and with Him there is redemption, forgiveness of sin, and eternal life.

Moments of Comfort

Overflowing with Thankfulness

Theme Text: Colossians 2:6-7 - Speaker: Shawn Davis

Paul uses the metaphor of a tree to help us understand what it means to be connected to Jesus. Being rooted in Jesus helps us to be overflowing with thankfulness and that changes our story.

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.

RADA CUTLERY MARY MARTHA FUNDRAISER

Please return your RADA cutlery order to Debby Thompson by Sunday, November 13, or place in her mailbox by that date. Please include a \$2.00 processing fee as shown on the order form. Feel free to take one from the Thompson mailbox, if you need a catalog. Thank you for supporting Mary Martha-LWML.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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.

THE TOGETHER PROJECT

Our **together project** has begun! Our LHS community is coming **together** as we **PURSUE** more lives for Christ, **MOVE** to increase financial security, and **CHAMPION** our campus. Will you join us? Email kanderson@lhsi.org for more information.

LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC 2023

Valparaiso University
June 25-July 23
Grades 8-12

We would like to announce the **2023 Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival (LSM)**. Young musicians who attend LSM return home ready to share their gifts with their home church and engage further in their faith life. Many even find a vocation as future church musicians, music teachers, or pastors. More than anything, LSM students find a home away from home as they connect with other peers through music and faith.

Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. In addition to advanced musical instruction and numerous performance opportunities, LSM students form an intentional community, living together for four weeks on a Lutheran college campus. Since 1981, this unique and immersive program has guided the lives of young musicians, who credit LSM as the starting place for their future careers and vocations.

If you would like more information contact MaryLynn Mennicke, Dean and Director of Admissions at 612-879-9555, ext. 5, or lsmacademy.org.

RECEIVING IN FAITH: NOVEMBER 6, 2022

9:15 am Divine Service: 90

RESPONDING IN FAITH: NOVEMBER 6, 2022

General Fund	\$6,419.53
LCMS	50.00
Parking Lot Pavement	100.00
Total	\$6,569.53

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022 LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Organist	Richard Thompson
Crucifer/Acolyte	Josey Shanton
Communion Assistants	Jeff Dickmader
.....and	James Froiland
Greeters	Richard and Gloria Curry
Ushers	Richard Curry, Jim Arthur & Ed Fox
Youth Assistant	None
Altar Guild ..	Kelly O'Connor & Melissa Ebling
Junior Altar Guild	Chloe Ebling
Fellowship/ Refreshments	The McConnell
.....and	Schildmier Families

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Jim Arthur 11/19

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.

Jane Dobbs
 Fell and Broke Hip
Baby Hudson Erik (Woody Yarwood's great grand-son) Injury to Toe (could possibly lose it)
Baby Mason (Son of Kelly O'Connor's Friend)
 Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
Sandi Stevanak (Dobby Thompson's Sister)
 Rare Severe Lung Condition
Jan Schildmeier (Mike Schildmier's Sister-in-law)
 Cancer has Returned
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)