



# FOCUS ON FAITH WEEKLY

✦ FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ✦ GREENFIELD INDIANA ✦

This Week at Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday Nov. 27	Monday Nov. 28	Tuesday Nov. 29	Word Day Nov. 30	Thursday Dec. 1	Friday Dec. 2	Saturday Dec. 3
<b>First Sunday in Advent</b>  <b>9:15 am Divine Service</b>  <b>11:00 am Bible Class &amp; Sunday School</b>	<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 6th/7th gd. Jr. Cat. Class @5:00 8th gd. Jr. Cat. Class @ 6:00 Advent Evening Prayer @ 7:00	<i>Preschool</i>  Preschool Board @ 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

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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

“Your King is coming to you. He will bring justice and salvation. But, He lacks all pomp, all royal equipment; He appears with no glory or magnificence but comes like a humble person, a common man, like one of the *hoi polloi*, like anyone of a common herd, not distinguished from others by any royal insignia ... Just as He is very different from all of the kings of the world, so also His area of responsibility and His royal apparatus are clearly different from those which fit a king of this world. Here there is no violence, no armor, no power, no anger, no wrath. All of these are proper for kings of this world. Here there is only kindness, justice, salvation, mercy, and every good thing. He is Savior, because He saves.” LW 20:94

## Final 2022 Quarterly Voter's Meeting

The Final 2022 Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be on Sunday, December 11, 2022 at 11:00 am. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall.

Please contact me with any questions.

Brian Atkins  
317-435-0842

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

**Noah** (November 29) – Noah, the son of Lamech (Genesis 5:30), was instructed by God to build an ark, in which his family would find security from the destructive waters of a devastating flood that God warned would come. Noah built the ark and the rains descended. The entire earth was flooded, destroying “every living thing that was on the face of the ground, both man and beast” (Gen. 7:23). After the flood waters subsided, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. When Noah determined it was safe, and God confirmed it, he and his family and all the animals disembarked. Then Noah built an altar and offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God for having saved his family from destruction. A rainbow in the sky was declared by God to be a sign of His promise that never again would a similar flood destroy the entire earth (Gen. 8:20).

Noah is remembered and honored for his obedience, believing that God would do what He said He would.

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. Grant that we may be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, so that with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life.

**St. Andrew, Apostle** (November 30) – St. Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter, and was from the Galilean village of Bethsaida. Andrew was originally a disciple of John the Baptist, but after John called Jesus “the Lamb of God,” Andrew became a follower of Jesus and then brought his brother Peter to Jesus (John 1:35-42). Andrew and Peter were called by Jesus to be disciples while they were engaged in their work of being fishermen (Matthew 4:18-20), and they are both listed among the twelve apostles chosen by Christ (Matthew 10:1-4). According to Church tradition, Andrew was martyred when he was crucified on a cross in the form of an X. In AD 357, his body is said to have been taken to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople, and later removed to the cathedral of Amalfi in Italy. Centuries later, Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland.

St. Andrew’s Day determines the beginning of the Western Church Year, since the First Sunday in Advent is always the Sunday nearest St. Andrew’s Day.

Collect: Almighty God, by Your grace the apostle Andrew obeyed the call of Your Son to be a disciple. Grant us also to follow the same Lord Jesus Christ in heart and life, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## Stewardship

**Matthew 21:3 - “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”**

Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord’s Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

## Lutheran High School Applications & Enrollment

Applications for Lutheran High School open on December 1, 2022, [www.lhsi.org](http://www.lhsi.org).

We encourage you to apply early to help with scholarships! If you have questions, please contact Deidre Barnett at [admissions@lhsi.org](mailto:admissions@lhsi.org).

We can’t wait to welcome your family to the Saints!

## 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.

## 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.betasigmapi.org/>

## THE CHRISTMAS STORE

The Christmas Store is quickly approaching and we are seeking a volunteer group to help bring stored Christmas gifts from our basement.

Each year we provide more than enough items for our families to shop from, so naturally we have left over items each year to use for the following year.

We are seeking active and strong volunteers to help us bring boxes from our basement up the stairs to our semi-truck. If your organization would like to help, please consider volunteering any day or time most convenient for you!

We currently have Friday, December 2nd from 2:00 pm—5:00 pm available for sign up, but we are willing to open up any day of the week for any assistance we can get!

Simply email us to request a specific day and time to help out. The basement Cleanout will take place at LCFS: 1525 N. Ritter Ave., Indianapolis.

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.

## 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

## LuFest 2023

We would love to have you join us this year for **LuFest 2023!** Our focus is to put love into action based on 1 John 3:18. For a bit of extra fun, we are asking that guest incorporate the color red into their apparel for the evening.

**What is LuFest?** LuFest stands for the Lutheran Festival and began in 1981. It is our largest fundraiser of the year and is an evening of celebration and fun for our Lutheran High community.

**LuFest** will take place on Friday, February 10 downtown at the beautiful Biltwell Event Center. Each guest will enjoy a plated meal and our auction, including both silent and live auction items.

Reserve now for the Early Bird price—table of 10 for \$1,000 or individual for \$100 each. Make your reservations securely online at [LuFest.org](http://LuFest.org) for Early Bird pricing through December 15, 2022.

We also seek donations of new, high-quality items, services, or experiences to include in the live and silent auctions. These may be dropped off at the LHS office weekdays between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm. Please call the Development Office with any questions.

*Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech, but with action and in truth.*

*1 John 3:18*

## 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](mailto:keith@lutherhaven.org)

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

## THE TOGETHER PROJECT

Have you heard about our **together project**? Our LHS community is coming **together** as we **PURSUE** more lives for Christ. **MOVE** to increase Financial Security, and **CHAMPION** our Campus. We would love to share more information with you. Will you accept the invitation to be part of together?

Email [kanderson@lhsi.org](mailto:kanderson@lhsi.org) for more information..

## LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC 2023

Valparaiso University  
 June 25-July 23 Full Session  
 June 25-July 9 Half Session  
 Grades 8-12

**You're invited to LSM!** Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival (LSM) is the nation's premier faith based music academy for high school students. Students come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in joyful music-making and build a supportive and welcoming community, living together on a college campus. During the day, students receive advanced musical instruction through large ensembles (Festival Choir, Band, and Orchestra), chamber music, private lessons, and elective classes (such as musical theatre, composition, church music, jazz band, conducting, music therapy). In the evenings, students attend recitals, evening prayer services, and social events with their friends. LSM 2023 takes place at Valparaiso University and is open to students who have completed grades 8-12.

If you would like more information contact MaryLynn Mennicke, Dean and Director of Admissions at 612-879-9555, ext. 5, or [lsmacademy.org](http://lsmacademy.org).

## RECEIVING IN FAITH: NOVEMBER 20, 2022

9:15 am Divine Service: 91

## RESPONDING IN FATH: NOVEMBER 20, 2022

General Fund .....	\$3,408.81
LCMS .....	50.00
Lutheran High School.....	40.00

Total .....\$3,498.81

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Organist.....	Elise Temme
Crucifer/Acolyte.....	Paul Surburg
Communion Assistants .....	Chris Ebling
.....	and Jeff Dickmander
Greeters .....	Jeff & Julie Dickmander
Ushers.....	Jim Arthur, Richard Curry,
.....	and Chuck Jones
Youth Assistant .....	None
Altar Guild .....	Volunteers
Fellowship/ Refreshments.....	The Fox Families

## 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 27:*

**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 KFUE.org:** Start a new series on Advent Hymnody on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 am, CT), continue in Exodus 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 am, CT), and begin studying the Lord's Prayer on Concord Matters (12/03 at 10:00 am, CT).

## 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.

## 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](mailto:debra@loveinc-ghc.org).

Thank you for your willingness to help Hancock County families needing assistance.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

No Birthdays this Week

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

John Rumler .....	11/28
Amy Surburg.....	11/28
Laura Bearman.....	11/29
Brenda Dillman.....	11/29
Amanda Houser .....	11/30
Lori Yeager .....	12/01

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Gloria & Roy Mathews (40 yrs.) .....	11/27
Pastor & Kelly O'Connor (30 yrs.).....	11/28
Rebecca & Shane Shanton (19 yrs.) .....	11/29

**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.*

*Jay Galbreath's Sister (Woody Yarwood's Son-in-Law's Sister) Brain Bleed*

*Pastor's Mother (Diane O'Connor)  
Fell*

*Mary Arnholt (Kelly's Father's Wife)  
Cancer*

*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)

**Save the Date**

**Women of all Ages**

**Are invited**

**To**

*Faith's Christmas Gathering of Friends*

**Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m.**

*You Shall Call His Name Jesus*

Plan to join us for a special program presented by Debby Thompson and assisted by some of Faith's younger girls.

Sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert and help with decorating or serving.

Questions, contact Emily Rogers,

765-778-7654 or [emily12rogers6@gmail.com](mailto:emily12rogers6@gmail.com).

Sponsored by Mary Martha Guild