



Weekend Update

Grow in faith. Share Christ's love.

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Publications for print from our Web site:

- 8 & 11 a.m. worship bulletins
- Weekend Updates
- Monthly Messengers

Welcome visitors

Please stop by the "Welcome Center" located in the lobby for information brochures.

Sunday worship

- 8 and 11 a.m. - traditional
- 9:30 a.m. - contemporary
- 6:00 p.m. - cont. liturgical

Education for all ages

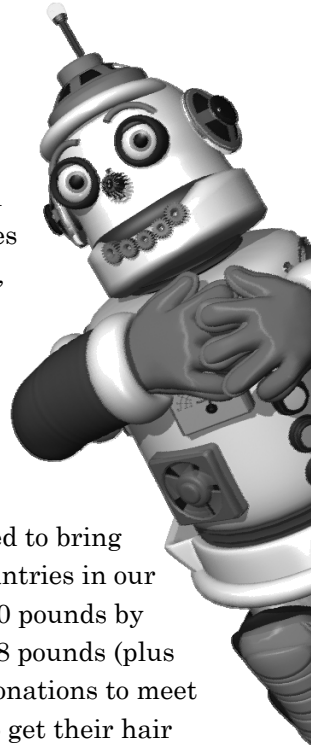
- 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
- Look for posters listing options.

FAITH CAMP ENDS TODAY

After a week of learning about God's awesome love for us and how we can share that love with others, Faith Camp concludes today with a celebration event at Chesney Park (19th & Clay, east of Washburn University).

What a great way to show the love of Christ in the local community. The event runs from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. with food, Bible stories, recreation and fellowship for all ages. Come out to Chesney Park and put your faith into action.

As part of the Faith Camp service project, campers were asked to bring non-perishable food items for Project Topeka, to stock food pantries in our community. The group was challenged to bring more than 300 pounds by Thursday. Did they succeed? YES! The total collected was 468 pounds (plus some monetary donations). Because of everyone's generous donations to meet the challenge, Pastor Jim, Marilyn and Sandy have agreed to get their hair dyed funky colors today at the Chesney Park event. You need to check it out!



In worship today

- **Altar Flowers** The flowers near the altar are given by Jeff and Penny Lane in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.

What's happening

- **Commissioning** On Sunday, Aug. 2, during each morning worship. Faith will commission our two recent graduates of the Kansas District Lay Leadership Institute. Martin Albrecht will be commissioned as lay deacon and Mary Shaw as lay assistant. The LWML will be hosting a reception for them at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Prayer Garden** This past week, the Junior High Adventure Camp created a Prayer Garden in the the lot east of the Hoffman House. You are welcome to take some time in meditation as you follow the self-explanatory path through the garden. It will be open for the next few weeks.
- **Habitat Fund Raiser** Christ Lutheran Church, 3509 SW Burlingame, will host an Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction Sunday, July 26, at 5:30 p.m. Donations of pie and ice cream accepted. Proceeds go to support the Habitat for Humanity project on Swygart.

Calendar: This week at Faith

Today	8:00 am	Traditional worship
	9:30	Education hour
	9:30	Contemporary Worship
	10:45	Education hour
	11:00	Traditional worship
	Noon	Chesney Park Event
	6:00 pm	Blended worship
	7:00	Men's Softball (Major Palm)
Mon	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Tue	7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
	7:00	LWML Board
Wed	9:30 am	Mom's Bible Time
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
Sat	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study I

Editor's Note - If you have something to be published in the Weekend Update, please send to Linda Meyer via e-mail or drop off during office hours, by Thursday noon the week of publication.

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Faith office staff cuts back

Due to the budget deficit, it was recommended that the office staff be cut back to save money. As of July 15, the part-time office assistant position, held by Rebecca Gutierrez, has been eliminated. Don Bartling, office administrator, had his hours reduced by 20 percent. Young Chung's salaried position as director of worship ministry is reduced by 25 percent. As of July 31, Sandy Chitwood will no longer be education assistant (a one-year position to help during the vacancy). Finally, the goal of filling an associate pastor position has been delayed through the near future. With these reductions in staffing but with the same workload, we ask for prayers and patience as the current staff adjusts to these changes.



General Fund & Mortgage Payment Fund

Year to Date - June 2009 (26 Sundays)

	<i>Wkly Avg.</i>	<i>YTD</i>
Needed to Fund Budget	\$ 22,300	\$ 579,799
Contributions Received	\$ 19,807	\$ 514,978
Actual Expenses	\$ 20,398	\$ 530,356

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

The time to begin or renew *Lutheran Witness* subscriptions is now through Aug. 16. *Lutheran Witness* is your magazine, written and provided especially for the lay people of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. It speaks to you about Christian life, the ministries of congregations, worldwide missions and people of faith. When you subscribe to the *Witness* through your congregation in the Kansas District, you receive a bonus Kansas District insert. These inserts include a letter from the district president, updated educational opportunities and events, happenings and pictures throughout the district. The cost for a one-year subscription (11 issues) is \$14.50 made payable to Faith Lutheran Church, earmarked "Witness." Send to the church office, attention to Carolyn Watson.

F.Y.I

Men's Softball Tonight's game is at 7:00 at Major Palm Park (37th & Burlingame) *You can join anytime...* players are always needed. Cost is \$10. Questions? Call Phil Theimer, 224-8587, Brownie Wilson, 266-3516, or Chris Meyer, 817-6681.

Nursery Attendant Needed

Must be 18 years or older. This is a paid position. Hours are from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sundays. Contact Marilyn in the church office.

Summer Music If you would like to offer special music during any of the Sunday worship services (vocals, instrumentals) in praise to our Lord, please contact Young at youngmusic@gmail.com

Thrivent Meeting The Northern Shawnee County Chapter of Thrivent will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 3649 SW Burlingame Rd (NW corner of 37th & Burlingame) west entrance.

Where is your graduate?

We are trying to stay updated with kids on the move. Please call or email the church office with your college students name, school address and phone number. This is for any student in college, whether a new student or a student on the ??-year plan!

Ministry Team Leaders

Please check your mailboxes for informational packets containing a report on your ministry team year to date expenditures and 2010 budget forms. Budget requests for next year should be to Daniel Lehman by Sept. 15.

Ministry in Wittenberg, Germany

The Wittenberg English Ministry, serving people from all over the world, is experiencing a down year in finances because of the economic situation world wide, and less English-speaking tourists. We ask for your prayers as this six-month ministry seeks to serve thousands of people in this historic place. Bob Lehmann, deputy director, will leave the end of this month, to serve the final three months of the tourist season in Wittenberg.

Requests have been received for another Topeka-based Lutherland tour in 2010. Bob Lehmann will make all arrangements plus secure tickets for the Oberammergau Passion Play. Tentative dates are May 22 to June 5. A deadline for registration and estimated costs will be established by January

2010. If you are interested and have questions, etc. please contact him at rjlehmann@sbcglobal.net If you don't have email access, contact the church office and we can relay a message to Bob.



Serving and Sharing our Gifts

- **Collecting School Supplies** The Sunday morning education classes are collecting supplies for Topeka area schools. Drop off any items at the church office, Sunday school office, or in the children's classrooms.
- **Collection by LWML** Faith's LWML is collecting soap for Lutheran World Relief again this year. Please place your soap donations in the LWR container by the elevator in the lobby by Oct. 4. The LWML is also collecting used *Portals of Prayers* for prison ministry. Please place your used devotional books in the designated box in the coat rack area.

Adult Bible study opportunities

- **New Sunday Morning Class** begins Aug. 2 at 10:45 a.m. called "The Book of Acts" led by Kent Biel in room 100B.
- **Men's Bible Study I** will resume again on Saturdays at 8 a.m. beginning Aug. 1 at Faith.
- **Men's Bible Study II** will begin again on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in room 105 starting Aug. 5.

our MEMBERS

Tim & Jan Lyle, at the birth of grandsons, Finton Lyle Annis to Amy & Judd, and Graham Allen Lyle to Shane & Mary

The family and friends of Pastor George Bruening, at his death

Ben Bahner, seriously ill

Lavonna Creviston, eye problems

Carol Mellring, pace maker installed

Ed Hartner, recovering from stroke

Randy Williams, recovering from hip surgery

Jennifer Harris, recovering from knee surgery

Hal Hudson, recovering from back surgery

Terry Carlson, health concerns

Pearl Figge, health concerns

Zonda Morgan, health concerns

Jeff Kuhn, needing a kidney transplant

Susan Borghardt, cancer, undergoing chemo

Howard Dankert, cancer treatment

Phil Gjerstad, leukemia, undergoing chemo

Yvonne Hamilton, cancer

Barb McComas, cancer

Roy Benaka

Belmont Evans

Vernon Hass

Kim Johnson

Michele LeMoine

Marian Uhlig

If you (or an immediate family member) are entering the hospital, call the church office at 272-4214 so that a staff member may visit and pray with you.

FAMILY and FRIENDS

Kathleen Garner, granddaughter of Bobbie Nixon, DCE student interning in Latvia, for safe travel and blessings on her ministry

Allen Bowman, father of Dee, in rehab

Ada Torneden, aunt of Nancy Peterson, health concerns

Jimmy Puckee, friend of Judy Thompson, hospitalized

Dorothy Bowman, mother of Dee, health concerns

Mother of Michele LeMoine, health concerns

When a name is submitted in this "Family and Friends" section, it will be printed for three weeks. If you would like to continue the name on the prayer list, please contact the church office through phone, e-mail or prayer card.

family & friends with CANCER

Randy Flanagan, son of Marty

Bob Hogrefe, father of Kim Hernandez

William Janousek, father of Jim

Raymond LeMoine, father of Michele

Rodney Ohlde, father of Kim Savage

Beva, sister of Bob Gabler

Gina Tenbrink, sister-in-law of Gary

Katy Crowder, sister-in-law of Fred

Mary, sister-in-law of Mary Dodson

Tyna, sister-in-law of Jan Zillinger

Marcella Bechard, aunt of Teri Wodtke

MaryKay Lowry, aunt of Kelly Burke

Karen Acord, great aunt of Daniel Domingo

Mikey Cummings, great-nephew of Kathy Orth

Eva Ann, cousin of Tenbrinks

Kelsey Kataret, cousin of Sandra Raney

Nancy Pembleton, cousin of Betty

Mike & Paul, relatives of Barnhills

Cindy Hammond, relative of Hullons

Adam, friend of Jessica Atchison

Cynthia, friend of Jan Hoover

Dade, child friend of Lauvers

Ella, child friend of Hamerskys

Joanne, friend of Marita Gabler

Kris, friend of Gary Orth

Laura, friend of Diana Beitz

Laurie, friend of Lois Kirkwood

Lori, friend of Killmans

Maire, friend of Sweet family

Tammy, friend of Jennifer Harris

Tina, friend of Aaron & Jennifer Hilderman

Renita Harris, friend of Gwen Lehman, surgery

in the MILITARY

Chase Briggs

David Conwell

Bryan Conwell

Tim Kemp

Marla Keown

David Marstall

Rebecca (Briggs) Waterman

Matt Thomas, husband of Chelsie (Saunders)

James Brown, father of Ashley Brown

Joshua Schultz, son of Gene & Peg

Alex Kroenke, grandson of Mel & JoAnn

Angela Rokey, granddaughter of Goodings

Joel Gaston, brother of Juli Mazachek

Chris Moore, brother of Kahlee Crocker

John O'Brien, brother of Maggie O'Brien-Domingo

Chuck Taylor, brother of David

Tom Palenske, brother-in-law of Juli Mazachek

Jim Edwards, uncle of Caitlyn Lambrecht

Dani Knudson, niece of Alex & Joy Hoover

Kristen Wilburn, niece of Landmans

Chuck Campbell, nephew of Jay & Charlotte

Lee Fox, nephew of Ed & Valeda Pinick

Brett Hahn, nephew of Ron & Ethel Kufahl

Marcus Higdon, nephew of Gayla Hoyt

Mitchell Kent, nephew of Terri Bynum

James Kroenke, nephew of Cathy Atchison

Jared McClung, nephew of Mike Maloun

Seth Ostermann, nephew of Linda Laird

Michael Phelps, nephew of Betsy Hawkins

Scott Pracht, nephew of Ron & Ethel Kufahl

Chris Crocker, cousin of Kahlee

Elizabeth Doss, great niece of Bob Gabler

Brian Kolterman, Bolz family member

Kevin Nolan, cousin of the Janouseks

Kevin Sweeney, cousin of Dean Landman

Damon Browning, friend of Janouseks

John Brun, friend of Jessi Saxton

Matt Daniels, friend of Kennards

Gilbert Gonzales, friend of Kristen Fay

Damon Harris, friend of the Kissing family

Chris Kieffer, friend of Kristen Fay

Jo, friend of Barnhills

Justin Rapp, friend of Judy Thompson

Zack Stiffler, friend David & Jennifer Schmitt

Studying for Church Work

Christina Shults, Pacific School of Religion (seminary), Berkeley CA

Drew & Nicole Bradshaw, DCO internships

Matt Morgan, Concordia, St. Paul, MN (DCO)

Amie Zillinger, Concordia, Seward NE (teacher)

Kory & Cara Fay, Lutheran Bible Translators training

Andrew Cummings, deaf ministry training

In Service & Mission Work

Spiritual Life Leaders

Parish Nurses

Stephen Ministers

Lay Deacons

Topeka Lutheran School & CYC

Faith Early Childhood Center

Children's Christian Concern Society

Guinea, W. Africa missions

Heiney and Carlos families (missionaries to Guinea, West Africa)

LCMS chaplains serving in Iraq and other troubled areas

LINC Ministry Dallas, TX

Ysleta Luth. Mission El Paso, TX

Outreach/Ministry to Washburn University

If you are submitting a prayer request for someone other than yourself for this publication, please be sure to get their permission. If you submit a card for prayer in a worship service, please indicate that you want it in this publication. If you would like your prayer included on the Prayer Chain, call Bobbie Nixon (272-7845) or Eva Brunkow (272-2102).