



# 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.

## Happenings at Faith today

- **Baptism** We welcome into the Lord's family in the 11 a.m. worship, Paxton James Vines, son of Amanda and Gary. Paxton's sponsors are Rachael Lowe and Brandon Pigorsch. God's blessings as Paxton continues to grow in his faith.
- **Recognition of Education Leaders** During the Children's Message in morning worship, fall education leaders (Sunday education, small group, WOW, weekday) will be asked to stand in their pew as children will present a visual reminder of their service.
- **Commissioning of Worship Grant Committee** During each service, the Worship Grant Committee will be commissioned. Young Chung assembled a committee and submitted a proposal to receive a grant by Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. "United in Hymn" was accepted with a grant of \$7,415. Members are Young Chung (director), Martin and Shari Albrecht, Don Bartling, Betty Ramsey, Patrice Thomsen and Mardi Long (assistant).
- **"United in Hymn" Activities** Today kicks off the Worship Renewal Project. The aim of this project is to promote unity across groups separated by age and tradition by studying selected hymns and integrating them in four different weekly worship services using visual arts, sermon series, dramatic readings, special music. The project will run September through May. The theme for this month is "prayer." Highlights include:
  - \* *Sermon Series:* Messages are based on The Lord's Prayer. Next Sunday, Missionary Tim Heiney will be our guest preacher. Special music in worship today of "The Prayer" is sung by Dave Schwartz and Anna McCoy.
  - \* *Hymn focus:* "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" - hymns will be sung as a prayer response in all worship services. Young Chung will lead a hymn-based Bible study on Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m. and Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m.
  - \* *Banner Ministry:* The committee created a banner from a logo designed by Linda Meyer. A banner workshop with presenters from Concordia University, Seward, will be Nov. 14 from 1-5 p.m.
  - \* *Prayer Shawl Ministry:* The group is meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 or 7 p.m.
- **Education/Rally Sunday** Today, parents and children (grade 4 and younger) will participate in an intergenerational session introducing prayer. Families will be making a prayer shawl that will be given to people in need. Preschoolers will take their prayer shawls home. Also during this hour, families will meet the new teachers and register their children for fall education classes. Grades 1-4 will begin in the Fellowship Hall. Kindergarteners, preschoolers (and parents) will start upstairs in the education wing. Look for signs indicating where to meet.

## Calendar: This week at Faith

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Traditional worship
	9:30	Education hour
	9:30	Contemporary worship
	10:45	Education hour
	11:00	Traditional worship
	12:15 pm	Sr Youth meeting
<b>Mon</b>	6:00	Blended worship
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Tue</b>	7:00	Eve Circle
	9:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	9:30	Hanson Small Group
	7:00 pm	Deborah Circle
<b>Wed</b>	7:00	Praise Band Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Time
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	1:30	Outreach Team
	5:30	Confirmation
	5:30	WOW
<b>Thur</b>	6:15	various adult Bible studies
	11:30 am	Retirees Group
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	7:00	Young Adult Group
<b>Fri</b>	7:30	Adult Choir
	8:30 pm	Prayer Retreat (thru Sat.)
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study I
	4:00 pm	TLS Carnival

**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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## Pictorial Directory

Today is your last day to stop by the table in the lobby. But you can schedule on-line by going to [www.faithlutherantopeka.com](http://www.faithlutherantopeka.com), and click on the "Lifetouch" icon or call the church office and we can help. Don't wait, slots are quickly filling up.

We are producing a pictorial family album to help you put names with faces in our church. There is no cost to have your picture taken, and you will receive a FREE 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately then have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.

Portrait sessions are the weeks of Sept. 21 and Sept 28. Plus we have added one more day on Monday, Oct. 5.



## Ministry Highlights

- **Prayer Retreat** Has your prayer life become dull and tired? Do you sense the need to "be still and know that God is God?" On Friday, Sept 18 beginning at 8:30 p.m. through Saturday, Sept. 19 ending at 4 p.m., Pastor Jim will lead a prayer retreat at the new Kansas District Retreat Center (30 minutes south of Junction City). The cost is \$25 for the retreat--lodging and meals included. Call the church office if interested. *We still have room available. Call by Wednesday.*
- **Money Matters Workshop** "Parents, Kids and Money Matters," designed specifically for parents and children ages 6 to 10, will be Sunday, Sept. 27, 2-4 p.m. at Faith. This 50-minute workshop presented by Thrivent Financial representatives will help you reflect on the values you want your kids to learn. Babysitting service upon request. Call Barb McComas at 233-7293 or 357-4441, ext 100 or [barb@kslcms.org](mailto:barb@kslcms.org) to verify attendance plans. *Reservations must be made by Sept. 16.*
- **Singles Retreat** The Kansas District annual fall singles retreat is Oct. 2-4 at the Kansas District Retreat Center south of Junction City. The theme is "Belong" featuring Linda Gerbitz, the president of Lutheran Single Adults. Cost is \$75 including lodging and meals. *Deadline for registration is Sept. 18* by contacting Staci Timm, [stacitimm@yahoo.com](mailto:stacitimm@yahoo.com) or 785-823-6727, or Jim Bradshaw, 357-4441, ext 206 or at [www.kslcms.org/singles](http://www.kslcms.org/singles). A registration form can also be found in the lobby rack.

## F.Y.I

**New Member Class** Next Sunday, Sept. 20, begins a 6-week session for those not confirmed Lutheran who want to join Faith. These “Doorway to Faith” classes are Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in Room 100A (lower level). This is also a good refresher course for long-time Lutherans. Questions? Contact Marilyn Shults in the church office.

**Young Adult Group** Come meet us at the Crossing, a gathering place for young adults who desire a deeper walk with Christ, who wish to learn more about what holiness looks like, or may simply have questions about God. Join us as we look at the book of Romans on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Youth Room. Questions? Contact Ben Thowe, 383-0358.

**New Hymnals** If you would like to donate toward or buy for personal use, *Lutheran Service Book*, pick up a form in the church office or download one on our Web site (click on “Publications→Weekend Update→LSB Order Form”) Cost is \$23 per book due by Sept. 27 to the office.

**MMC Meeting** As part of our budget planning, a Ministry Coordinating Council meeting is Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. This gives ministry teams the opportunity to share future goals and budget needs with LLC and be informed of LLC plans for the coming year.

### Directory Volunteers

**Needed** If you are interested in helping during photography sessions, contact Shelly at 478-1592 or call the church office.

## News and Notes

- **Retirees Group** If you are a retired person at Faith and want to connect with other retirees, come to a luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Larry Wolgast, city council member. Meat dish and table service will be provided, bring a side dish to share. It is helpful to call or e-mail if you plan to attend, but “walk-ins” are *always* welcome. Contact Elaine Eggold, 232-9708, rle55efe@yahoo.com or Barb McComas, 234-5451, barb@kslcms.org
- **Topeka Lutheran School Carnival** Come enjoy the annual TLS Carnival. Check out the inflatables, cake walk, pop toss, face painting, concessions, fish pond, lollipop tree, prize room and more. Saturday, Sept. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. at 701 SW Roosevelt. Questions? Contact the school at 357-0382.
- **Topeka Lutheran School Pastry Sale** The PTL is taking orders for Kansas Made pastries. You can choose from: cherry, apple or cream cheese tea rings, cinnamon rolls or blueberry-cream cheese rolls. Order forms are available on the TLS display in the lobby and will be taken through Sept. 21. Contact Sally Bender, 409-9004, for more information.
- **Garage Sale Donations** The Youth Group is having a garage sale at the Hoffman House, Oct. 23-24, so they are asking for donations. If you need items picked up or have questions, contact Jan Zillinger (jan.zillinger@yahoo.com or 273-3105) or Shelly Mahon (478-1592 or bugshelly@cox.net) Consider giving your “first fruits” (best) of unneeded items to help them raise funds for National Youth Gathering, LVR and activities.
- **John Leavitt Concert** The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka is sponsoring Dr. John Leavitt in “Sing Alleluia! A Festival of Song” on Oct. 18 at 4 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29th St. The concert includes a mass choir, congregational hymn singing and special pieces by Dr. Leavitt at the piano.

## Youth Ministry Activities

- **Senior Youth Information Meeting** All 8th-12th graders and parents have a meeting TODAY from 12:15 to 2 p.m. to hear about Senior Youth activities plus the 2010 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Main dish provided, bring a salad.
- **Junior Youth Information Meeting** All 5th-8th graders and parents are invited to a meeting on Sun., Sept. 27, 12:15 to 2 p.m. to learn about the exciting opportunities. Jr Youth is designed for two separate groups this year—5th/6th graders and 7th/8th graders will have their own youth ministry events. Main dish provided, bring a dessert.

**our MEMBERS**

**Fred Crowder**, recovering from surgery  
**Roy Benaka**, recovering from surgery  
**Jennifer Harris**, recovering from knee surgery  
**Terry Carlson**, health concerns  
**Pearl Figge**, health concerns  
**Zonda Morgan**, health concerns  
**Jeff Kuhn**, needing a kidney transplant

**Susan Borghardt**, cancer, undergoing chemo  
**Phil Gjerstad**, leukemia, hospitalized at University of Minnesota  
**Barb McComas**, cancer treatment  
**Jane Nelson and family**, strength through difficult times  
**Ben Bahner**

**Belmont Evans**  
**Ed Hartner**  
**Vernon Hass**  
**Kim Johnson**  
**Michele LeMoine**

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

**FAMILY and FRIENDS**

**Gene**, grandson-in-law of Art & Evelyn Schultz, hospitalized with burns  
**Ray Sawyers**, father of Dené Mosier, health problems  
**Donna**, step-mother of Michele LeMoine, health concerns

**Gary Hawkins**, husband of Betsy, stroke  
**Raymond**, father of Michele LeMoine, awaiting test results  
**Margita**, mother of Michele LeMoine, recovering from a fall

**Bill Dawson**, grandfather of Kahlee Crocker, health concerns  
**Kurt Peckenschneider**, brother of Ann Shelton, recovery from heart surgery  
**Allen & Dorothy Bowman**, parents of Dee, 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 w/ CANCER**

**Dan Richardson**, son of Ed  
**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  
**JoAnna Burke**, mother of Kelly  
**Beva**, sister of Bob Gabler  
**Katy Crowder**, sister-in-law of Fred  
**MaryKay Lowry**, aunt of Kelly Burke

**Karen Acord**, great aunt of Daniel Domingo  
**Mikey Cummings**, great-nephew of Kathy Orth  
**Chip West**, cousin of Kelly Burke  
**Jay**, cousin of Darrel Savage  
**Kelsey Kataret**, cousin of Sandra Raney  
**Mike & Paul**, relatives of Barnhills  
**Cindy Hammond**, relative of Hullons  
**Adam**, friend of Jessica Atchison  
**Dalton**, friend of Jan Williams  
**Ella**, child friend of Hamerskys

**Gail Zeller**, friend of Grahams  
**Kris**, friend of Gary Orth  
**Laura**, friend of Diana Beitz  
**Lyn**, friend of Marge Carver  
**Maire**, friend of Sweet family  
**Tammy**, friend of Jennifer Harris  
**Tanya**, friend of Jennifer Harris  
**Tina**, friend of Aaron & Jennifer Hilderman  
**Zach**, child friend of Sheila Krohe

**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  
**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  
**Elizabeth Doss**, great niece of Bob Gabler  
**Brian Kolterman**, Bolz family member  
**Chris Crocker**, cousin of Kahlee  
**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 Kissling family  
**Chris Kieffer**, friend of Kristen Fay  
**Jo**, friend of Barnhills  
**Justin Rapp**, friend of Judy Thompson  
**Zack Stiffler**, friend David & Jennifer Schmitt

**Preparing for Church Work**

**Christina Shults**, Pacific School of Religion (seminary), Berkeley CA  
**Drew & Nicole Bradshaw**, awaiting DCO call  
**Matt Morgan**, Concordia, St. Paul MN (DCO)  
**Amie Zillinger**, Concordia, Seward NE (teacher)  
**Kory & Cara Fay and family**, Lutheran Bible Translators training in France  
**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).