



Weekend Update

Grow in faith. Share Christ's love.

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- 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.

At Faith today

- **Baptism** During the 9:30 worship today, *Drake Logan Dunton*, son of James and Amy, will be baptized into the family of God. Drake's sponsor is Jessica Atchison. May God bless Drake and his family as he grows in his faith.
- **Guest Musician** Minister Anthony A. Arrington will sing "Shall We Gather at the River" and a gospel medley ("Precious Lord, Take My Hand", "His Eye is on the Sparrow" and "Holy, Holy, Holy.") He is active at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in the music, evangelistic, teaching, and transportation ministries. He has been growing in the music ministry for over 40 years.
- **Sharing Faith Stories** As part of celebrating the "church militant" (the church here on earth), Susan Beard will share her faith story during the offering time, as it relates to her being a member of Faith Lutheran Church.
- **Hymn-based Bible Study** This month we are focusing on gathering, including the hymn, "Shall We Gather at the River?" Today at 9:30 in Room 108, is the next hymn-based Bible study, taking a deeper look at this hymn and the relationship between church history and gospel hymns.

Excel in the Grace of Giving

Next Sunday we begin our stewardship series called "Excel in the Grace of Giving." This three-week series will educate us on the importance of giving in our lives. Winston Churchill aptly stated: "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." Another appropriate phrase says, "The mind grows by what it takes in, the heart grows by what it gives out." When we give, we are blessed as much as the recipients of our gifts. Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38). Please be with us next Sunday when our sermon theme will be "Overcoming Greed."

Also next Sunday, Nov. 15, bring your "Commitment to the Lord" pledge to church (or drop by the church office at your convenience.)

We give our firstfruits because God has given us life and all of life's resources. Firstfruits giving calls on us to set aside our offerings to the Lord first before handling our other obligations.

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops"
(Proverbs 3:9).



Calendar: This week at Faith

Today	8:00 am	Traditional worship
	9:30	Education hour
	9:30, 10:45	Living Green Event
	9:30	Contemporary worship
	10:45	Education hour
	10:45	Orientation Class
	11:00	Traditional worship
	6:00 pm	Blended worship
	6:00	Sr Youth <i>Ignite</i>
	Mon	9:00 am
6:00 pm		Girls of Faith (Audrey's)
7:00		Boy Scouts
7:00		Eve Circle
7:30		Men's Basketball (TLS)
Tue	9:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	9:30	Hanson Small Group
	1:30 pm	Miriam Circle
	1:30, 7:00	Shawl Ministry
	5:30	FECC Team
Wed	7:00	Praise Band Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study I
	9:30	Ruth Circle
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	5:30	Confirmation
	5:30	WOW
	6:15	Signing Class
	6:30	Women's Bible Study II
Thur	6:30	Men's Bible Study II
	7:00	Lay Leadership Council
	5:15 pm	Christian Service Team
	6:00	Bell Choir
	7:00	Young Adult Group
Sat	7:30	Adult Choir
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study I
	1:00 pm	Banner Workshop

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.

The preschoolers you don't see

In Sunday school classes each week, teachers grow in their faith by sharing Christ's love with 50 children a week. Of these, 25 children are ages 2 to 5. While this is an important ministry of our congregation, these preschoolers represent only half the preschoolers receiving a Christian education at Faith each week. Faith's Early Childhood Center has been a ministry of the congregation since 1995. And during that time hundreds of children have witnessed faith in action and began to learn about our Lord.

Upcoming Events

- **Living Green** TODAY, at both 9:30 and 10:45 education times, the Sunday school children will be learning how to be good stewards of our world. Adults are welcome too. *Go directly to the Fellowship Hall, not classrooms.*
- **Quilting Day** Come to Room 100 (the parlor) on Monday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. to help sew quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Contact: Karlea Landman at 266-4467.
- **Banner Workshop** Faith, in partnership with the Center for Liturgical Arts at Concordia University Seward and the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, is hosting a workshop, Saturday, Nov. 14, 1-5 p.m., to learn more about designing and making banners for worship. Free admission.
- **Bell Workshop/Concert** Five area Lutheran bell choirs, including Faith, will be attending a workshop under the direction of Jane Anderson, Topeka, on Saturday, Nov. 21 at First Lutheran Church, 1234 SW Fairlawn. The public is invited to a 3:00 concert given by the bell choirs. This event is sponsored by the Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka.
- **Thanksgiving Meal for Seniors** The Junior Youth will again host a meal for senior adults on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. RSVP to the church office by Friday, Nov. 20.
- **Thanksgiving Worship** There will be only one worship service on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. Following the service will be a fellowship time with pie. Bring a pie to share.
- **Journey to the Nativity** The third annual Advent event is Saturday morning, Dec. 5. Watch for more details soon.

Next week is Stewardship Emphasis Sunday. This is a great opportunity for families to involve children in the life of the church. Discuss with your children the importance of participating in the ministry of Faith such as giving of offerings in church and Sunday school. But another tangible way to participate is through the K.I.D.S. stamp program. Help children earn stamp money with special chores. Teach them to set aside a portion for sharing and some for saving.

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No Sharing of the Peace Due to the threat of H1N1, Faith is taking these precautions: the sharing of the peace will be omitted and the communion assistants will wash their hands before their participation in distributing the elements; the common cup and shaking hands with pastor at the end of the service will be retained, since they are voluntary activities.

Ushers Needed We have several openings for 8 or 11 a.m. ushers. Those interested can call the church office. This is an easy and excellent opportunity to help at church. You would serve on a team for a month at the service most convenient for you. Training will be provided. Additional help is needed for the holiday services.

Voters Meeting The annual meeting to pass the budget and elect officers for 2010 is Sunday, Nov. 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is provided.

Discount Tickets "Church Basement Ladies," a musical comedy celebrating the Lutheran church kitchen and the women who work there, is at TPAC Nov. 27-29. Thrivent is offering a \$5 discount by going to: www.ticketmaster.com/promo/3zct30 and use password: *ThrKnowland*

Acolyte Training to learn how to light the candles for worship is rescheduled to Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. Contact: Don Bartling, 272-4214.

Men's Basketball Pick-up games of basketball for guys are Monday evenings, from 7:30-9:30 at the TLS gym, 701 SW Roosevelt. Just drop in. For more information, call Chris Meyer (273-7352).

Children's Ministry Activities

- **Preschool Christmas Program Music** Each week the preschool children (through Kindergarten age) practice and learn their songs for the Dec. 6 Christmas Program. Have your child at either education hour to learn the songs. Characters in the program will be assigned on Nov. 15. Costume fitting days are Nov. 15 & 22. Full dress rehearsal is Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m.
- **Elementary Children Christmas Mini Dramas** Sunday morning elementary classes will present mini dramas on Saturday, Dec. 5, in conjunction with the Nativity Event. Parts for the dramas are being assigned and practiced this month. Classes will go to the Fellowship Hall on Nov. 15, 22 for rehearsal. Please make every effort to attend class and rehearsals.
- **Attention Moms and Dads** After the first of the year, Children's Ministry Team will be asking for ANY ideas you have concerning things you would like to see take place between your children and Children's Ministry. These ideas can be programs, events, classes, or even questions you might have. Be thinking about this in the meantime because they want to hear from you.

What can you do to help?

- **Prayer Team** You are invited to intercede for others and for your church and its staff. Led by Pastor Jim, we will meet the third Wednesday of each month (Nov. 18) from 8-9 p.m. and the first Wednesday, 5-6 p.m., in Room S-14. There is room for all different "comfort levels" in regard to praying. If you believe that prayer is important, especially a people of God unified in prayer, then come.
- **Help for Nativity Event** We need nativity sets to display for the Dec. 5 event. Even if you brought one in the past, many may have not seen it or will enjoy seeing it again. Bring to church anytime Nov. 30 to noon, Dec. 4. We also need set-up helpers, 2-6 p.m. on Dec 4 and take-down helpers, 12-2 p.m. on Dec. 5.

Worship & Music Ministry

- **Adult Choir** - rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. They sing Nov. 15 at 8 a.m. and Dec. 6 at 11 a.m.
- **Bell Choir** - rehearsals are Thursdays at 6 p.m. They will play on Nov. 15 at 8 & 11 a.m. They will attend the workshop on Nov. 21.
- **Christmas Festival Choir** - This choir will sing for Choral Eucharist on Dec. 20 and is for those who love to sing but can't commit to a year-round choir. Rehearsals will be Dec. 3, 10, 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 9:30 a.m.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - If you like to knit or crochet, come to Room S-14 (lower level youth wing) on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at either 1:30 or 7:00 p.m. Donations of yarn, needles and hooks are also needed. Contact Jan Hoover at 357-7063 if you have questions.

our MEMBERS

Sandra Cutright, at the birth of a son,
Matthew Josiah

Anne O'Gara, health concerns

Luke Savage, recovering from surgery

Fred Crowder, upcoming surgery

Kristin Putney, recovering from knee surgery

Steve Hale, recovering from knee surgery

Shirley Martin, recovering from surgery

Allyson Harris, medical issues

Terry Carlson, health concerns

Jeff Kuhn, needing a kidney transplant

Phil Gjerstad, leukemia, undergoing bone
marrow transplant

Susan Borghardt, cancer, undergoing chemo

Barb McComas, cancer treatment

Jean Stokesberry, brain tumor

Ben Bahner

Roy Benaka

Belmont Evans

Pearl Figge

Wilma Gregg

Vernon Hass

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

Lucille, sister of Phil Gutierrez, hospitalized

Aliah Harrison, granddaughter of Gwen
Lehman, recovering from surgery

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

Rodney Ohlde, father of Kim Savage

JoAnna Burke, mother of Kelly

Beva, sister of Bob Gabler

MaryKay Lowry, aunt of Kelly Burke

Karen Acord, great-aunt of Daniel Domingo

Lois Nelson, great-aunt of Paige Grisell

Mikey Cummings, great-nephew of Kathy Orth

Chip West, cousin of Kelly Burke

Jay, cousin of Darrel Savage

Kelsey Kataret, cousin of Sandra Raney

Cindy Hammond, relative of Hullons

Naomi Harkness, relative of Gwen Lehman

Adam, friend of Jessica Atchison

Dalton, friend of Jan Williams

Denise, friend of Smelter family

Ella, child friend of Hamerskys

Kris, friend of Gary Orth

Laura, friend of Diana Beitz

Laura, Sheri, Sondra, friends of Sandra Sweet

Laurie, friend of Yvonne Hamilton

Lyn, friend of Marge Carver

Maire, friend of Sweet family

Sandy, friend of Mary Shaw

Tammy & Tanya, friends 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

Glenn & kelsey, friends of Kahlee Crocker

Jo, friend of Barnhills

Justin Rapp, friend of Judy Thompson

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).