



# Weekend Update

Grow in faith. Share Christ's love.

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- 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.

## In worship today

- **Baptism** During the Worship for the Deaf service today at 3 p.m., Kelecia Marjorie Hale, daughter of David and Sara, will be baptized. Her sponsors are Carrie Hale, Jeff McKinney, Janine & Kelly Liwosz.
- **Stewardship Emphasis Sunday** During the communion time, as you come forward to the communion rail, you are invited to place your "Commitment of Giving" pledge form in the box at the front of the church. We will have a prayer of dedication following communion. *If you were unable to bring your pledge form today, you can drop it by the church office at any time.*
- **Sharing Faith Stories** As part of celebrating the "church triumphant" (the heavenly church), Dale Lauver will share his faith story during the morning worship offering times.

## Preparing for the Holidays

- **Thanksgiving Worship** There will be only one worship service on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. Following the service is a fellowship time with pie. You are welcome to bring a pie to share.
- **Advent Worship** Services are Wednesdays at 5 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 2, 9, 16. We will use "Holden Evening Prayer" by Marty Haugen. The theme for the three Wednesdays and Christmas Eve focuses on components of "Relational Study"-- Service, Prayer, Faith Talk, and the Word. Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. by the youth to raise funds for youth trips/events.
- **Advent Devotions** Starting today, we have four choices of Advent devotions available in the lobby for children, families, teens and adults. Pick one up and prepare for Jesus' birth.

## Excel in the Grace of Giving

In today's Gospel lesson, a woman "out of her poverty" gave all she had. In these poverty-stricken times, how do we respond? What is it about poverty and need that makes us gracious givers? Today, you have the opportunity to pledge to God your giving. Consider this woman who Jesus pointed out to all who were there. He wanted us to consider her a role model of Christian living.

**Firstfruits giving expresses the special relationship that we have with Jesus Christ.**

"Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God . . ." (Exodus 23:19).



## 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
	10:45	Orientation Class
	11:00	Traditional worship
	3:00 pm	Worship for the Deaf
	4:00	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> gr <i>Powerhouse</i>
	6:00	Blended worship
	6:00	Sr Youth <i>Ignite</i>
<b>Mon</b>	6:00 pm	Girls of Faith (Audrey's)
	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:30	Men's Basketball (TLS)
<b>Tue</b>	9:00 am	LifeLight Bible Study
	9:30	Hanson Small Group
	7:00 pm	Deborah Circle
	7:00	Praise Band Rehearsal
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study I
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	5:30	Confirmation
	5:30	WOW
	6:15	Signing Class
	6:30	Women's Bible Study II
	6:30	Men's Bible Study II
	8:00	Prayer Team
<b>Thur</b>	6:00	Bell Choir
	7:00	Young Adult Group
	7:30	Adult Choir
<b>Sat</b>	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.**

## The Faith staff you don't see

If you come to the church during the weekday, you will see many people in the building doing a variety of activities—Bible studies, service projects, working. Walking into the office, you might see called staff—Pastor Jim, Audrey, Marilyn and Young—and office staff—Carolyn, Don, Linda and Sharon. If you walk down the hallway in the education wing or into the nursery, you will see 10-11 additional staff—the teachers for Faith's Early Childhood Center.

## Welcome, Stephanie!

Stephanie Erickson has joined Faith's Early Childhood Center as director. She brings experience ideas for the Center and ideas for the future consistent with the ministry team's goals. We expect good things for the children, staff and Center from Stephanie. Please feel free to stop and introduce yourself to her.

## Upcoming Events

- **Habitat for Humanity Dedication** The house sponsored by Thrivent Builds and the Topeka Lutheran Church partnership will be dedicated at 2 p.m. today. The address is 3120 Swygart St. (Directions: from 29th and California, one block south, turn left, turn right at next street.)
- **Bell Workshop/Concert** Five area Lutheran bell choirs, including Faith, will be in concert under the direction of Jane Anderson, Topeka, on Saturday, Nov. 21, 3 p.m., at First Lutheran Church, 1234 SW Fairlawn. 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 seniors (60+) Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. (*Note: This is a time change from previous publications.*) Transportation is available, if needed. RSVP to the church office by Friday, Nov. 20.
- **Voters Meeting** The annual meeting to pass the budget and elect officers for 2010 is Sunday, Nov. 22 at 12:15 p.m. Lunch is provided. The proposed 2010 Budget to be presented is available at the usher's table in the lobby.
- **Journey to the Nativity** The third annual Advent event is Saturday, Dec. 5. The morning activities include:
  - ▶ 7:30-11:00 - Pancake feed sponsored by the ECC (\$5/adult; \$3/age 6-12; \$1/age 5 & under)
  - ▶ 9:00-noon - Nativity sets displayed in the sanctuary
  - ▶ 9:00-11:00 - Age-appropriate activities/crafts for children and parents with take home Advent activities for families
  - ▶ 9:30-10:45 - Three Christmas mini-dramas presented by the elementary-age Sunday school children
  - ▶ 10:00-11:00 - Christmas music performed by brass and piano

## F.Y.I

**Poinsettia orders** If you would like to order a poinsettia to be displayed for Christmas, see the insert found in this publication. Deadline for ordering is Monday, Nov. 23.

**2010 Offering Envelopes** Pick up your box of offering envelopes on the row of tables in the lobby. Even if you give your gifts electronically, take your box and recycle—we can not reuse them. Pick up a family member's if they aren't able to.

**Coins for Christmas** Loose coin offerings today through Dec. 8 will go toward the purchase of Christmas gifts that our Sunshine Connection friends can give to their families/friends. This is the third year the Junior Youth has sponsored this.

**Ushers Needed** We have several openings for 8 or 11 a.m. ushers. Those interested can call the church office. You would serve on a team for a month at the service most convenient for you. Training will be 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](http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/3zct30) and use password: *ThrKnowland*

**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).

**Thank you** to all who helped Nov. 7 to rake leaves, clean the mechanical room, wash windows, clean out the window wells and other projects. Thank you also to Martin Albrecht for providing lunch for all the workers.

## 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 of each month, 5-6 p.m., in Room S-14. There is room for all different "comfort levels" in regard to praying.
- **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 not have 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.
- **Rebuilding Together Applications** Now thru Dec. 15, *Rebuilding Together* will accept applications for the 2010 project by calling 272-0749 (a volunteer will call back). Qualified applicants must own their home, be 60+ and have low income. The *Rebuilding Together* (formerly known as *Christmas in April*) purpose is to help keep people safe, warm and dry. Members of Faith have supported this program. The 2010 rebuilding day is Saturday, April 24.

## Worship & Music Ministry

- **JOIN 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.
- **Adult Choir** - Sings today at 8 a.m. and Dec. 6 at 11 a.m.
- **Bell Choir** - Will play today at 8 & 11 a.m. They will attend the workshop on Nov. 21.

## Children's Ministry Activities

- **Preschool Christmas Program Music** Each week the preschool through Kindergarten children practice and learn their songs for the Dec. 6 Christmas Program. Characters in the program will be assigned today. Costume fitting days are today and Nov. 22. Dress rehearsal is Saturday, Dec. 5, 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. Classes will go to the Fellowship Hall today and Nov. 22 for rehearsal.

Today as you dedicate your "pledge from the heart" for the ministry of Faith, remember to include your child in the discipline of dedicating a share to the Lord's work. Children need to be taught the skill of sharing and saving before they make spending choices. Provide your child with discretionary money and then teach them to make good choices to help them grow to be responsible Christians. K.I.D.S. is one easy and fun way to learn about mission and ministry. See Barb McComas at the foot of the lower stairway.

**our MEMBERS**

**Dale & Sue Larson**, at the birth of a grandson, James Dale, to Eric & Judy

**Keith & Marlene Kohlmeier**, at the birth of a granddaughter, Addison Kay Fielding

**Luke Savage**, recovering from surgery

**Fred Crowder**, recovering from surgery

**Michele LeMoine**, recovering from procedure

**Kristin Putney**, recovering from knee surgery

**Steve Hale**, recovering from knee surgery

**Shirley Martin**, recovering from surgery

**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**

**Anne O'Gara**

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**

**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

**Leslie Bolz**, daughter of Tim & Marian

**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

**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).