



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

- **Lighting of the Advent Candles** We continue the season of Advent, the period of expectant waiting for the celebration of Jesus' birth. The third candle in the Advent wreath is lighted during worship today. The traditional use of Advent candles originated in eastern Germany even prior to the Reformation. As this tradition came down to us by the beginning of this century, it involved three purple candles and one pink candle. The purple candles represents the royalty of the coming King. The pink candle is the third candle to be lit on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent. "Gaudete" means "rejoice" in Latin. Therefore a pink candle is used to signify rejoicing.

Choral Eucharist Christ is born! Sing. My Heart. with Gladness!

Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6:00 p.m.

This worship service will be filled with beautiful imagery, scriptures, reflections, music and Holy Communion. Take a precious journey with the theme of *Christ is born! Sing, My Heart, with Gladness!* featuring the Festival Choir, Praise Team, hand bell choir, ensembles, soloists and instrumentalists. Selections include "Breath of Heaven," "Angel's Carol," "Hope for Resolution" and pieces from Handel's *Messiah*. Refreshments served by the Fellowship Team will follow. This program is made possible through a Worship Renewal Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grant Rapids, Mich., with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.



The Season of Advent

- **Advent Worship** This is the last week of worship on Wednesday at 5 and 7 p.m. We continue to focus on the characters surrounding the Christmas story.
- **Advent Dinner** The youth will serve a meal between Advent services from 5:45-6:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5/adults; \$3/under 10. *All dinners are made from scratch. This week's menu: homemade burritos and enchiladas, beans and rice, nachos and fresh sopapillas.*

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
	6:00 pm	Blended worship
	6:00	Sr Youth <i>Ignite</i>
Mon	6:30 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
	2 & 7 pm	TLS Christmas Program
	7:00	Deborah Circle
	7:00	Praise Team Rehearsal
Wed	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study I
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	3:30	Outreach Team
	5:00	Advent worship
	5:30	WOW
	5:45	Advent dinner
	6:15	Signing Class
	7:00	Advent Worship
Thur	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00	TNT Sr Yth Bible Study
	7:00	The Crossing Young Adults (World Cup Coffee)
	7:30	Festival Choir
Sat	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	9:00	Choral Eucharist Dress Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Sunshine Connection Christmas Party

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.

Holiday Worship Schedule

• Christmas Eve - Dec. 24

- 4:00 p.m.** Birthday Party for Jesus worship (geared for young children, but all are welcome)
- 6:00 p.m.** Family worship with Holy Communion. Music led by the Praise Team with brass.
- 9:00 p.m.** Candlelight worship with Holy Communion. Featuring vocal ensembles, soloists, organ, chime choir and instrumentalists.
- 11:00 p.m.** Candlelight worship with Holy Communion. Featuring Festival Choir, soloists, organ, chime choir and instrumentalists.

• Christmas Day - Dec. 25

- 10:00 a.m.** Festival worship with Holy Communion.

• New Year's Eve - Dec. 31

- 7:00 p.m.** A reflective worship service with Holy Communion.

Special Bible Studies

- **Advent Study Continues** Led by Jim and Drew Bradshaw at both 9:30 & 10:45 a.m. in Room 104.
TODAY - The Real Christmas Story...according to the Gospels
Dec. 20 - The Real Christmas Story...and the relevance of Advent today
- **How to Relate to Those Suffering** "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart" Bible study offers examples and suggestions about what to say or do, what not to say or do and offers a guide in bring Christ's loving care to hurting people when they need it most. The study will be led by Jan Hoover and Mary Shaw on Sundays in two identical six-week studies:
Session 1: begins Jan. 3 at the 9:30 a.m. education hour
Session 2: begins Feb. 14 at the 10:45 a.m. education hour
If you have questions or plan on attending, call Jan (357-7063), Mary (271-9322), or the church office (272-4212). Information will follow as to the cost of the book.

Junior Youth - Grades 5-8

- **Shop for Sunshine Connection Gifts** - Wednesday, Dec. 16. Meet for supper at church (\$3 per person) at 5:30 p.m. then head to Dollar General returning by 8:00.
- **Sunshine Connection Christmas Party** Meet at Faith between 3:00-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19 to help our Sunshine Connection friends wrap presents that they can give to family members. Then we'll pass out presents, serve a meal, and welcome Santa as we sing Christmas carols.

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Adopt a Family Gifts All gifts should be returned TODAY. Questions? Call Nancy Kinney at 862-2800.

2010 Flower Chart If you would like to donate altar flowers on a given Sunday next year, sign up on the chart near the nursery door. A set of two arrangements begins at \$60. Give flowers in honor of a birthday, an anniversary, in memory of someone, or just because you want to donate flowers. You may also indicate you want to leave the arrangements after a wedding. Cynthia Barrett will contact you prior to your Sunday with more details.

Ornament Give-Away

Pewter Christmas ornaments from Faith's 50th anniversary (back in 1998) were discovered in the church attic. Pick one up from the basket at the Visitors Center. Limit 2 per household. If you would like to make a donation (any amount), place in box near the basket. Donations go toward the Christmas Decoration Fund.

Send a Christmas Message

Four different cards with the Christmas message are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby. Pick one up to send to family or friends.

Men's Basketball Pick-up games of basketball are Monday, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the TLS gym, 701 SW Roosevelt. For more information, call Chris Meyer, 273-7352.

Music schedule *Adult Choir* sings Dec. 20 at 11:00. *Bell Choir* rings today at 8 & 11 a.m. and Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. *Festival Choir* dress rehearsal for the Choral Eucharist is Saturday, Dec. 19 at 9 a.m.

In Christian Fellowship



January thru June, 2010 Sign up to participate in this fun fellowship opportunity. The sign-up sheet is posted in the lobby (on door leading to the basement) throughout December or contact Gina Brewer at 272-2258 or ginadbrewer@sbcglobal.net by Jan. 1.

"D-4-8" is a great way to get to know other members of our church in a comfortable environment. Groups of eight adults are randomly assigned a group which gathers once a month to eat and fellowship. When and where they meet are determined by the group. Dinner ideas range from hosting a pot-luck in a member's home; having a progressive dinner traveling to select member homes; or meeting at an area restaurant. The goal is to build deeper relationships with others while gathering around a meal and to grow in Christian fellowship.

- **Living Nativity** First Lutheran Church, 1234 SW Fairlawn, is presenting a drive-thru living nativity display TODAY from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy this free, 15-minute production from the comfort of your car. It's a 33-year Topeka tradition for the whole family.
- **Service of Hope** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3625 SW Wanamaker, invites you to a Blue Christmas--a spiritual healing service--Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. For many, Christmas will not be a time for rejoicing but, because of sadness in their life, it will look and feel blue. This service of hope will include music, scripture, meditation, anointing, communion and prayers. Stephen Ministers will be available for comfort after the service.

What can you do to help?

- **K.I.D.S. Stamps** Have you considered giving a gift that keeps on giving for your children or grandchildren? By starting or adding to a child's K.I.D.S. stamp booklet, you can provide for their savings while teaching and encouraging them to learn the stewardship skill of saving. The ministry bonus is that while they are saving, their interest-bearing dollars are used to spread the Good News of Jesus.
- **WOW Preschool Leader Needed** If you enjoy the spontaneity of working with preschoolers, then become a leader of Bible activities on Wednesday evenings at WOW. Contact Marilyn in the church office if you are interested.
- **Rebuilding Together Applications** Thru Dec. 15, *Rebuilding Together* is accepting applications for the 2010 project by calling 272-0749. Qualified applicants must own their home, be 60+ and have low income. The 2010 rebuilding day is April 24.

our MEMBERS

Kevin & Tamara Maxwell, at the birth of a daughter, Alyssa Brienne
Karen Elsen, at the death of her great-uncle, Harry Miller
Audra Durkes, as she seeks employment
Herb Eisler, recovering at home
Mary Shaw, recovering from surgery
Susan Thowe, recovering from knee surgery
Kevin Taylor, recovering from surgery
Reva Hossfeld, recovering at home

Luke Savage, recovering from surgery
Fred Crowder, recovering from surgery
Kristin Putney, recovering from knee surgery
Steve Hale, recovering from knee surgery
Shirley Martin, recovering from surgery
Allyson Harris, difficult medical issues
Terry Carlson, health concerns
Jeff Kuhn, needing a kidney transplant
Susan Borghardt, cancer, undergoing chemo

Phil Gjerstad, leukemia, undergoing bone marrow transplant
Barb McComas, cancer treatment
Anne O'Gara
Ben Bahner
Roy Benaka
Belmont Evans
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

Lynda, young niece of Karen Tardiff, health concerns and surgery
Gary, cousin of Susan Thowe, recovering from several strokes
Deb, mother of Audra Durkes, health issues
Barbara, mother of Dan Ramsey, in hospice

Lucille, sister of Phil Gutierrez
Dave Randall, brother of Muriel Bartlow
Mohinder Pal, husband of Mardi Long, immigration issues
Waymond Alumbaugh, father of Wayne, recovering from surgery

Gerald Wolfley, friend of Cliff Sheets, dealing with serious surgeries
Jordon, grandson of Connie Sears
Star Robinson, friend of Kahlee Crocker, 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
William Janousek, father of Jim
Rodney Ohlde, father of Kim Savage
Bob Hogrefe, father of Kim Hernandez
JoAnna Burke, mother of Kelly
Beva, sister of Bob Gabler
MaryKay Lowry, aunt of Kelly Burke
Lois Nelson, great-aunt of Paige Grisell
Mikey Cummings, great-nephew of Kathy Orth

Chrystal Holub, cousin of Doug Helmke
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
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 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
Mark Manieri, cousin of Nadine Barnhill
Damon Browning, friend of Janouseks
John Brun, friend of Jessi Saxton
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
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).