



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.

In worship today

- **Altar Flowers** The flowers near the altar are given by Nels and Shannon Huesers in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** In all services today, instead of the children's message, students of all ages and school teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to the front of the church to be blessed and receive a visual reminder (zipper pull) of God's love for them.

Get enrolled in WOW for the fall

What is WOW? Word On Wednesdays is Faith's mid-week ministry for children, youth and adults. *This year, WOW has activities for preschoolers through 7th grade, plus classes for adults.* Senior youth can participate as helpers. If you have questions, contact Marilyn Shults in the church office.

WOW is the theology and practice of Christian relationships in a disciplined, mid-week, four-part context:

- Family time and evening meal
- Recreation and fellowship
- Bible Study
- Worship Skills (choir, puppetry, banner-making, drama, etc)

WOW is held Wednesday evenings from 5:30-8:00, Sept. 9 - April 28.

Cost for the year is \$90 per child/youth. Guests and adults are \$3/meal.

Kickoff night is Sept. 9 You are invited to eat a buffet meal and register for the year. The theme for the evening is "Prayer." The schedule for Sept 9 includes:

- 5:30 - Registration
- 5:45 - Buffet meal (families can eat together)
- 6:30-7:30 - Create Prayer Stations
- 7:30-7:45 - Walk through Prayer Stations
- 7:45-8:00 - Closing worship

How can I register? Completely fill out the form inserted in this publication and drop off in the church office with payment. A downloadable form is also available on our church Web site. Or, you can just come to Kick-off night on Sept. 9 and register there.

What is there for adults? This year we will have 3-4 adult Bible study groups being offered (6-8 p.m.) We also need volunteers as table parents during mealtime, kitchen helpers, and various program assistants. Come to the kick-off night on Sept. 9 and find out what WOW has to offer.

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
	3:00 pm	Worship for the Deaf
	6:00	Blended worship
Mon	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Tue	7:00 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
Wed	9:30 am	Women's Bible Time
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	1:30	Outreach Team
	6:30	Men's Bible Study II
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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Ministry Highlights

- **Service for the Deaf** Today at 3 p.m. Faith will begin a monthly service for Deaf and hard of hearing. These services will be on the third Sunday of each month. This worship is open to all Deaf and hard of hearing in the community and Pastor Tessaro, Clay Center, will conduct the service. Pastor Tessaro conducted Deaf services at his previous parish and is looking forward to providing this service at Faith. If you know any Deaf or hard of hearing individuals, please invite them to this service. If you want more information, contact Deb Hale at 246-0528.
- **Display from Lutherhoma** During the first week of August, 7th & 8th graders spent four days at Camp Lutherhoma near Tahlequah, Okla. The theme centered around Proverbs 4:11-12. In the window area of the lobby, check out pictures of kids on the high and low ropes as well as foot banners and painted flip flops they created.
- **Baptism Class** A class for all expecting parents, parents who haven't had their child baptized, or anyone who wants to learn more about Lutheran baptism is Sunday, Aug. 30 at 10:45 a.m. in Room 104. Sponsors are also welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Marilyn Shults.
- **Focus on Prayer** Reflect on the petitions of the Lord's Prayer with Pastor Jim and other Faith members. On Friday, Sept 18 and Saturday, Sept. 19, 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 you are interested. Space is limited. The new retreat center has a full kitchen, plush beds, full bathrooms and great living space. We will begin on Friday night at 8:30 and leave Saturday at 4 p.m.
- **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; teach your kids about money and values; learn practical tools to make teaching about money fun. It is co-hosted by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Refreshments will be served. Babysitting service is available upon request. Call Barb McComas at 233-7293 or 357-4441, ext 100 or barb@kslcms.org to verify attendance plans. Reservations must be made by Sept. 16.

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Lutheran Witness

subscription Today is the last day to begin or renew *Lutheran Witness* subscriptions. 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.

Confirmation Meeting

All students in 7th grade and their parents are asked to come to a meeting about Confirmation on Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 6 p.m. This year there are changes in the confirmation program.

Voters Meeting LLC has scheduled a Voters Meeting for Sunday, Aug. 30 at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. Business to be conducted includes electing John Barrett as Faith's candidate to represent Circuit 6 at the 2010 Synodical national convention and replacing our current hymnals with *Lutheran Service Book*.

Fill-in Childcare Needed

A person is needed to watch a couple of young children during the Women's Bible Time on Wednesday, Aug. 19 and 26 from 9:30-11 a.m. at church. Phone the church office.

Choir Practice Schedule

Choir rehearsals begins Sept. 10 with bell choir at 6:30 p.m. and adult choir at 7 p.m. Men's ensemble meets on Aug. 21 at 6 p.m.

ECC Classrooms Need

Painting The Early Childhood Center rooms are in need of a fresh look. If your small group or Bible study would like to volunteer, contact Marilyn Shults in the church office.

News and Notes

- **New Hymnal** Approximately three years ago The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod introduced a new hymnal titled *Lutheran Service Book*. This hymnal maintains the Lutheran traditional hymns and liturgies but also includes hymns and liturgies not available in our current hymnal. It has been very well received in congregations. Our current hymnals were purchased about 30 years ago and the Board of Spiritual Life approved replacing these with *Lutheran Service Book* at their August meeting. Funding for purchasing these new hymnals will come from memorials with an opportunity for members to contribute also. Acquiring the new hymnal will be presented at the Aug. 30 Voters Meeting.
- **Sign Language Class** Classes will begin again on Wednesday evenings Sept. 9 at 6:15. We will be using a new textbook. If you would like to order prior to class please contact Deb Hale 246-0528 or signmemom@cox.net by Aug. 30. Cost of the book will be approximately \$11.
- **Thrivent Picnic** The Northern Shawnee County Thrivent Chapter will have a picnic for members on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 5-7 p.m. at Lake Shawnee Shelter House #6, 3521 SE East Edge Road (east side of lake, south of campground). Food and table service is provided with door prizes and games for adults and children. Enjoy food, fun and fellowship with other Thrivent members plus election of 2010 chapter officers. Questions? Contact Bob Eggold at 232-9708 or reeggold@sbcglobal.net.
- **More bookbags** Now is the time to start looking for sales on bookbags for next year's collection of school supplies given to area schools and help agencies. Pick up an extra one when you are school supply shopping and drop off in the church office.



- **8th Grade Fundraiser** The TLS 8th graders are fundraising for their class trip by selling mums, daffodils and tulip bulbs in a variety of colors from Jackson's Greenhouse, plus Jackson's gift certificates and three sizes of sturdy trash bags. The students will be sell on Sundays, Aug. 23 & 30 or go to www.topekalutheran.org. Please pay when ordering and make checks payable to TLS 8th Grade. Orders are due Sept. 8 and may be picked up at the carnival, Sept. 19 from 4-7 p.m., or at church Sept. 20.
- **TLS Alumni newsletter** If you or your child did not receive a copy, please email or mail the class year, name, address and phone number to Janet Smith at foundation@topekalutheran.org or 701 SW Roosevelt St. Topeka, KS 66606.

our MEMBERS

Doug & Sandy Chitwood, at the birth of a granddaughter, Bailee Nicole Koloff, to Stephanie & Adam

Teri Wodtke and family, at the death of her aunt, Marcella Bechard

Jane Nelson and family, at the death of her sister, Wavelyn Schneider

Phil Gjerstad, leukemia, hospitalized at Univ. of Minn.

Roy Benaka, recovering from surgery

Marvin Rodehorst, 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

Barb McComas, cancer

Ben Bahner

Belmont Evans

Brianna Gooding

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

Connie Peterson, aunt of Patrice Thomsen, recovering from a heart attack

Dan, son of Ed Richardson, upcoming cancer surgery

Vauncille Barrett, mother of Wanda, recovering from knee surgery

Joyce, relative of Betsy Hawkins, husband killed in motorcycle accident

David, uncle of Betsy Hawkins, recovering from car accident

Leslie Damon, friend of Yvonne Hamilton, recovering from surgery

Gary Hawkins, husband of Betsy, stroke

Norma Wilde, mother of Barb McComas, congestive heart failure

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 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

JoAnna Burke, mother of Kelly

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

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

Eva Ann, cousin of Tenbrinks

Jay, cousin of Darrel Savage

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

Lori, friend of Killmans

Maire, friend of Sweet family

Tammy, friend of Jennifer Harris

Tina, friend of Aaron & Jennifer Hilderman

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 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, 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).