



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.

Get enrolled in W.O.W. for the 2009-2010

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)

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 found on the church Web site or in the church office and drop off in the office with payment. 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.

Upcoming church events

- **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.
- **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 convention and replacing our current hymnals with *Lutheran Service Book*.

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	Blended worship
Mon	9:00 am	Quilting
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Tue	6:00 pm	Children's Ministry Team
	7:00	Praise Band Rehearsal
Wed	9:30 am	Women's Bible Time
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	6:00	Confirmation meeting
	6:30	Men's Bible Study II
Fri	4:30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study I
	4:30 pm	Spinelli/Puderbaugh wedding

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

- **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, beds, bathrooms and 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 upon request. Call Barb McComas at 233-7293 or 357-4441, ext 100 or barb@kslcm.org to verify attendance plans. Reservations must be made by Sept. 16.
- **K.I.D.S. Stamps** Interested in helping your children have a hands-on experience at learning to share and save their money? It is easy for children to find ways to spend, but encouraging better money management is a vital key. Using the K.I.D.S. stamp program can encourage both saving and the support of ministry at the same time. See Barb McComas on Sunday mornings for more info. She is located at a table at the bottom of the stairwell.
- **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.
- **Sunday School Offerings** This month's Sunday education offering is going to the Florence Crittenton Services which serves adolescent girls ages 13-18 with major mental illnesses, substance abuse experience, and/or unmanageable at-risk behaviors requiring containment and a controlled, nurturing environment with active psychiatric treatment. They will be hosting a 5K Run/Walk for adults and 1-mile Fun Run for kids Sept. 26, 9 a.m. at Lake Shawnee Shelter House #1. Cost is \$25/adults and \$10/kids. Register at 233-0516 or www.flocritkansas.org.

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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.

Choir Practice Schedule

Choir rehearsals begins Sept. 10 with bell choir at 6:00 p.m. and adult choir at 7:30 p.m. (this is the corrected time).



Bulb Sale The TLS 8th graders are fundraising for their class trip by selling mums, daffodils and tulip

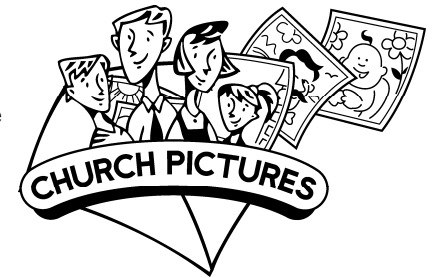
bulbs in a variety of colors from Jackson's Greenhouse, plus Jackson's gift certificates and three sizes of sturdy trash bags. The students will be taking orders TODAY and Aug. 30 or go to www.topekalutheran.org. Please pay when ordering and make checks payable to TLS 8th Grade. Orders are due Sept. 8 and may be picked up at the carnival, Sept. 19 from 4-7 p.m., or at church Sept. 20.

Directory Volunteers

Needed To make our pictorial directory a success, we need volunteers. Shelly Mahon is coordinating the volunteers for our new directory. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the actual photography sessions, contact Shelly at 478-1592 or call the church office.

News and Notes

- Church Finance Update** Daniel Lehman, congregational treasurer, reports contributions to the General Fund and Mortgage Payment Fund are \$9,000 more than last year and the cost savings and salary reductions are improving our financial situation. If contributions continue strong in August, we should be in a financial position to reinstate the monthly Kansas District mission payments. LLC appreciates your generous response from the gifts God has provided and is confident our situation will continue to improve as we return and share the gifts God provides us daily.
- Pictorial Directory** Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? We are producing a pictorial family album to help you put names with faces. There is no cost to have your picture taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately then have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. *You can begin scheduling on-line TODAY by going to our church Web site (www.faithlutherantopeka.com) and clicking on the "Lifetouch" icon. Or stop by the table in the lobby starting next Sunday (Aug. 30, Sept. 6 and 13) to schedule your sitting. Don't wait, slots will fill up quickly. Portrait sessions are the weeks of Sept. 21 and Sept 28. More details will be in the September "Messenger."*
- 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.
- 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.



our MEMBERS

Eddie Fowler, at the death of his father
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
Phil Gjerstad, leukemia, hospitalized at University of Minnesota
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

Family of Jim Lacey, relative of Betsy Hawkins, at his death
Kurt Peckenschneider, brother of Ann Shelton, upcoming heart surgery
Mohinder Pal, resolution of immigration issues

Connie Peterson, aunt of Patrice Thomsen, recovering from a heart attack
Dan, son of Ed Richardson, cancer surgery
Vauncille Barrett, mother of Wanda, recovering from knee surgery

David, uncle of Betsy Hawkins, recovering from car accident
Gary Hawkins, husband of Betsy, stroke
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

Dalton, friend of Jan Williams
Ella, child friend of Hamerskys
Joanne, friend of Marita Gabler
Kris, friend of Gary Orth
Laura, friend of Diana Beitz
Lori, friend of Killmans
Lyn, friend of Marge Carver
Maire, friend of Sweet family
Tammy, 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
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).