



# 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.

## Happenings at church today

- **Entry into Confirmation Blessing** During all worship services today, the students in 7th grade who are beginning confirmation instruction, their parents and mentors, will come forward for a blessing and Bible as they begin an exciting two-year journey.
- **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 today 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 today 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*. Our green hymnals were purchased about 30 years ago and many are in poor condition. The Missouri Synod introduced *Lutheran Service Book* about three years ago and is used in 70 percent of LCMS congregations and is well received. It maintains the traditional Lutheran hymns and liturgies but also includes other hymns and liturgies not available in *Lutheran Book of Worship*.

## The Power of Prayer

- **Prayer Retreat** Have you prayed the Lord's Prayer without thinking? Has it become meaningless to you? Would you like to discover its meaning? On Friday, Sept 18 beginning at 8:30 p.m. through Saturday, Sept. 19 ending at 4 p.m., 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 interested. Room is limited.
- **Education/Rally Sunday** On Sept. 13, parents and children (grade 4 and younger) will participate in an intergenerational session introducing prayer. Families and Junior Youth will be making a prayer shawl--fabric designed to be worn while praying or when needing comfort. These shawls will be given to people in need. Preschoolers will take their prayer shawls home. Also, during this hour the families will meet the new teachers and register their children for fall education classes. Children (and parents) grades 1-4 will begin in the Fellowship Hall. Children (and parents) of preschoolers will start upstairs.



## 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	Baptism Class
	11:00	Traditional worship
	12:15 pm	Voters Meeting
<b>Mon</b>	6:00	Blended worship
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
<b>Tue</b>	9:30 am	Hanson Small Group
	7:00 pm	Adult Education Team
	7:00	Praise Band Rehearsal
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Time
	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	6:30	SS Leaders Meeting
	6:30	Men's Bible Study II
	7:00	Spiritual Life Board
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study I
	10:30	Topeka Assn. for Deaf

**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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## 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 free 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately then have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. *Stop by the table in the lobby today (and Sept. 6 & 13) or schedule on-line by going to our Web site: [www.faithlutherantopeka.com](http://www.faithlutherantopeka.com), and clicking on the "Lifetouch" icon. Don't wait, slots will fill up quickly. Portrait sessions are the weeks of Sept. 21 and Sept 28. More details in the September "Messenger."*



## Ministry Highlights

- **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. Babysitting service upon request. Call Barb McComas at 233-7293 or 357-4441, ext 100 or barb@kslms.org to verify attendance plans. Reservations must be made by Sept. 16.
- **"The LLL Reporter"** This publication of the Kansas District LLL, is loaded with the activities that share Christ's love in Kansas and the nation. If you are a supporter of the LLL, pick up a copy from the rack in the lobby. Extra copies are also available for anyone who would like to read it.
- **Singles Retreat** The Kansas District annual fall singles retreat is Oct. 2-4 at the Kansas District Retreat Center south of Junction City. The theme is "Belong" featuring Linda Gerbitz, the president of Lutheran Single Adults. Cost is \$75 including lodging and meals. Deadline for registration is Sept. 18 by contacting Staci Timm, stacitimm@yahoo.com or 785-823-6727, or Jim Bradshaw, 357-4441, ext 206 or at [www.kslms.org/singles](http://www.kslms.org/singles). A registration form can also be found in the lobby rack.
- **Lifelight Bible Study** You are welcome to join an in-depth Bible study called "Lifelight." The group will meet at Faith, Tuesdays at 9 a.m. beginning Sept. 8. For more information, contact Irma Straub at 215-8798.

## F.Y.I

### Directory Volunteers

**Needed** 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.

**Bulb Sale** The TLS 8th graders are selling mums, daffodils and tulip bulbs from Jackson's Greenhouse, plus Jackson's gift certificates and three sizes of sturdy trash bags. Stop by the table in the lower level or go to [www.topekalutheran.org](http://www.topekalutheran.org). Please pay when ordering. 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.

**K.I.D.S. Stamps** Using the K.I.D.S. stamp program can encourage both saving and the support of ministry. See Barb McComas on Sunday mornings for more info. She is located at a table at the bottom of the stairwell.

### Choir Practice Schedule

Choir rehearsals begin Sept. 10 with bell choir at 6:00 p.m. and adult choir at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome, no auditions required.

**Royals Game** Hope Lutheran Social Group invites you to the Royals vs. Twins game on Sept. 25 (game time is 7:10). Tickets are \$18 (upper deck). Contact Mark Bauerle at 272-7866. Deadline for tickets is Sept. 17.

## 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 giving continues strong in August, we should be in a financial position to reinstate the monthly Kansas District mission payments. LLC appreciates your response from the gifts God has provided.
- **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. Food and table service is provided with door prizes and games for adults and children. Questions? Contact Bob Eggold at 232-9708 or [reeggold@sbcglobal.net](mailto:reeggold@sbcglobal.net).
- **Shepherd's Center Day Trip** Sign up by Sept. 1 for a trip to Heart of America Christmas Pageant at Raytown (Mo.) Baptist Church on Dec. 6. The bus will leave the First Baptist Church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. The pageant is 3-5 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner. Cost is \$35 (\$40 after Sept. 1). Call 267-0248.
- **Topeka Lutheran School Carnival** Come enjoy the annual TLS Carnival. Check out the inflatables, cake walk, pop toss, face painting, concessions, fish pond, lollipop tree, prize room and more. Saturday, Sept. 19 from 4 to 7 p.m. at 701 SW Roosevelt. Questions? Contact the school at 357-0382.

## Children's Ministry Opportunities

*A Special Thank You to all the children's summer Sunday education leaders and helpers. Your dedication and commitment to sharing the Word of God to kids is greatly appreciated.*

- **Fall Children's Leaders Meeting** If you are a leader for fall Sunday morning education, come to a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Living Green** How green are you? Are you a good steward of God's earth? We need eco-friendly people to help in the development of a plan to teach children and families how to be good care-takers of His world. Contact Marilyn Shults if you are interested.
- **W.O.W. Fall Kick-off** Word on Wednesdays begins Sept. 9 from 5:30-8 p.m. WOW is a mid-week program for preschool through 7th grade and adults which includes a meal, recreation, Bible study and worship skills. Come on Sept. 9 and find out how WOW can enhance your family's spiritual growth. You can register in advance by downloading a form from our Web site, or come opening night and register then. Questions? Contact Marilyn Shults.

**our MEMBERS**

**Christopher & Erica Thowe**, who were married yesterday in Kansas City  
**Jane Nelson and family**, strength through difficult times  
**Fred Crowder**, upcoming surgery  
**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 treatment  
**Ben Bahner**  
**Belmont Evans**  
**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 a staff member may visit/pray with you.

**FAMILY and FRIENDS**

**Rev. Richard & Delores Tremain**, brother of Pr Pete, at the death of grandson, Chris  
**Ray Sawyers**, father of Dené Mosier, health problems  
**Donna**, step-mother of Michele LeMoine, health concerns  
**Raymond**, father of Michele LeMoine, awaiting test results

**Margita**, mother of Michele LeMoine, recovering from a fall  
**Bill Dawson**, grandfather of Kahlee Crocker, health concerns  
**Kurt Peckenschneider**, brother of Ann Shelton, recovery from 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  
**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  
**Charlotte Raedeke**, sister of Crystal Marquardt  
**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  
**Tanya**, 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  
**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  
**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).