



# Weekend Update

Grow in faith ... Share Christ's love!

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### Publications for print from our Web site:

- 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.

## Today in worship

- **Baptism** Today we welcome a child into the family of God. *Annabella Love Frost*, daughter of Darin & Dawn, will be baptized in the 11:00 worship. Annabella's sponsor is Corby Hoss.
- **Banner Ministry** You may have noticed a beautiful visual in the sanctuary today. Banner Ministry created a visual for the congregation to see how we are to take Christ into the world. The star in the center of the banner represents Christ shining on us and the 'rays' signify us, as the children of God, reflecting that light to those around us.
- **Special Prayer** At the Visioning Event a few weeks ago, Faith members were asked to write a prayer. In these next weeks, during each worship service, we will be praying these prayers written by members asking God to give us wisdom, guidance and strength as we "grow in faith and share Christ's love."

## Preparing for Lenten Small Groups

As part of the vision plan, growing in faith and sharing Christ's love at Faith involves small groups. We need facilitators. As a facilitator, we don't have to have all the right answers. Our main goal is to create discussion.

To learn more about how to facilitate a small group during Lent, *Pastor Jim is leading a 3-session training during the 9:30 education hour at the north end of the*

*Fellowship Hall beginning today and continuing Jan. 31 and Feb. 7.* Then on Feb. 14 at 12:30 p.m., the sessions will end with a lunch with Q & A at the Bender home (3214 SW 17th). If you are not able to come to these sessions due to other Sunday morning church conflicts, contact the church office.

The congregation will begin signing up for groups beginning Jan. 31. The groups will run Feb. 21 through March 27 (5 weeks). These initial groups will help us launch small groups later this year. Prayerfully consider being a facilitator, host or participant during Lent and beyond.



**Voters Meeting** The annual voters meeting is TODAY beginning with a lunch at 12:15 p.m. followed by the meeting. The agenda includes the election of Katie Mize as Treasurer and Corporate Secretary. Childcare will be provided.

## Calendar: This week at Faith

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am	Traditional worship
	9:30	Sunday Education
	9:30	Small Group Training
	9:30	Contemporary worship
	10:45	Sunday Education
	11:00	Traditional worship
	12:15 pm	Voters Meeting
	6:00	Blended worship
	6:00	Sr Youth Ignite
	<b>Mon</b>	9:00 am
9:30		Women's Bible Study I
6:00 pm		Ushers
6:30		Girls of Faith (Audrey's)
7:00		Boy Scouts
7:00		LWML Exec Board
7:30		Men's Basketball (TLS)
9:00 am		Lifelight Bible Study
<b>Tue</b>	9:30	Hanson Small Group
	7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Wed</b>	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	5:30	WOW
	5:30	Confirmation
	6:15	Signing Class
	6:15	Women's Bible Study II
	6:30	Men's Bible Study II
<b>Thur</b>	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00	Sr Youth Bible Study
	7:30	Adult Choir
<b>Fri</b>	5:00 pm	TLS Chili Supper
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study I
	8:30 am	Confirmation Retreat (thru Sunday at 4 pm)

**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.**

## Opportunity for Older Adults

- **Shepherd's Center of Topeka** SCT is having its Winter 2010 Adventures in Learning session each Friday in February from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 3033 SW MacVicar. First time guests (age 55 and older) may attend one Friday for FREE which includes the focus on fitness, 8:30 - 9:10; classes, 9:15 - 11:30; musical performance, 11:40 - 12:10; catered buffet lunch, 12:15 - 1:00. Regular registration fee is \$25 which pays for all four Fridays in the month, including meals. Scholarships are available for those with financial need. For complete information go to: [www.shepherdscentertopeka.org](http://www.shepherdscentertopeka.org), or visit with Don Bartling, 233-4032, our church representative. Faith is one of 28 congregations and 12 community partners that sponsors the Shepherd's Center.

## Upcoming Activities

- **TLS Chili Supper/Auction** Come to 701 SW Roosevelt on Friday, Jan. 29, 5-7 p.m. for their annual fundraiser. Menu: chili, hot dogs, brats, baked potatoes, queso, dessert, pop. *Note: only a silent auction will be held throughout the evening--no live auction will take place.*
- **Alaska Mission Trip 2010** We're going to Wasilla, Alaska, again this year. Tentative dates are July 1-13. This is a family mission trip for youth and adults. The cost per person is around \$1,200 (includes airfare, tourist pieces, food, mission experience, etc.) We'll serve a VBS in Wasilla; tour Anchorage, the Homer Spit, Seward; enjoy a boat trip on the Gulf of Alaska; visit Denali National Park and Mt. McKinley. If you're interested, come to an Informational Alaska meeting Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. (please note time change) or contact Audrey at [audreydce@swbell.net](mailto:audreydce@swbell.net).
- **Dinner & A Movie** On Saturday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m., the Men of Faith will be preparing and serving a spaghetti dinner in the Fellowship Hall followed by the movie, "Amazing Grace" about how a contemporary Christian songwriter/singer was inspired to write "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone" (the February Hymn of the Month). Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling the church office. A free-will offering will be taken for the meal. The younger ones will be offered another movie choice.
- **Fused Glass Workshop** The congregation will help to create a visual piece of art that reflects our mission statement Sunday, Feb. 21 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You will have the opportunity to work on a fused glass project led by Kymm Hughes of Glass Expressions.

## F.Y.I

### Talent Show Rescheduled

You have a little longer to polish that hidden talent and prepare for the Faith Talent Show. The date is moved from Jan. 22 to Friday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. We are looking for music acts, dance, skits, special talents, etc. Selections can be secular or religious. This is a fundraiser for the Praise Team to attend workshops this year. Contact Linda in the church office if you would like to participate.

### Morning Prayer Time

Pastor Jim is continuing to meet with members to pray for Faith Lutheran Church and the work it does and can do in our community. Meet him at IHOP this week from 8-8:30 a.m. and continue to keep the work of the church in your personal prayers.

**Usher Meeting** If you are an usher, you are asked to come to an important meeting tomorrow, Jan. 25 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 100. A light meal will be provided.

### From the Kansas District

**Office:** We would love to add you to our Kansas District Email list to receive news updates from the District, such as: Workers Together, the District newsletter; letters from missionaries; Web site updates; and upcoming events. There are usually only one or two emails sent each week. To be added to the list, email your name, email address and congregation name and town to Lori Hennessey at lori@kslcms.org.

*A complete listing of Winter classes for children, youth and adults is posted throughout the church or on our Web site.*

## Collection for Haiti Relief Update

You can continue to give to LCMS World Relief and Human Care by mailing checks to them at PO Box 66861, St. Louis MO 63166-6861 (noting "Haiti Earthquake Relief.") Faith has collected donations received throughout this past week and will be sending a check.

***If you are a Thrivent member:*** Thrivent Financial will add \$1 for every \$2 members donate for "Helping Haiti." Members may choose LCMS World Relief to make their contribution to, with Thrivent adding up to \$250 per member contribution. Make donations at [www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti](http://www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti) or call 800-236-3736 between 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Friday. When prompted, say "directory" and enter ext. 83003. Thrivent expects this response will result in more than \$3 million to support the earthquake survivors.

## Youth Ministry

### Junior Youth Ministries *for grades 5-8*

- **5th/6th grade** Friday Frenzy on Feb. 5, 6-10 p.m.; Build-a-Bear & PowerPlay in KC on Feb. 7, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (\$15).
- **7th/ 8th grade** Powerhouse & Destination Unknown Amazing Race, Feb. 6, 6-10 p.m. (\$5).

### Senior Youth Ministries *for grades 9-12*

- **Lock-in at PowerPlay in KC** Friday, Jan. 22-23 (9:45 p.m.-7 a.m.) The cost is \$40 for unlimited everything including pizza buffet (except arcade games), plus IHOP for breakfast.
- **National Youth Gathering Meeting** - Required for all participants and their parents. Sunday, Jan. 31 from 6-8 p.m.

## Worship Ministry Opportunities

- **Prayer Shawl Update** Between 15-18 crafters continue to make Prayer Shawls. To date (including those blessed in 8:00 worship today) 27 shawls have been made. Seven shawls have been given to various members with various needs. We continue to meet monthly. Please call Jan Hoover (357-7063) if you have yarn to donate. Many thanks to those who have donated and to all our knitters and crocheters.
- **Adult Choir** - Rehearses Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. They will sing today at 8 a.m., Feb. 7 at 11 a.m., Feb. 17 at 5 p.m., Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Bell Choir** - Rehearses Thursdays at 6 p.m. They will play on Jan. 31 at 8 & 11 a.m., Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

**our MEMBERS**

**Charles Martin and family**, at the death of his sister, Marjorie Hicks-Snyder  
**Norm Sawyer**, in rehab following infection  
**Herb Eisler**, recovering at home  
**Ed Richardson**, broken elbow from a fall  
**Patrica Voss**, recovering from ankle 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, bone marrow transplant process  
**Barb McComas**, cancer treatment  
**Ben Bahner**  
**Roy Benaka**

**Belmont Evans**  
**Pearl Figge**  
**Wilma Gregg**  
**Michele LeMoine**  
**Ron Reigel**  
**Luke Savage**

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**

**Genevieve Manley**, mother of Carol Kaufman, recovering from broken hip  
**Elmer Francis**, father of Connie Crowder, health concerns  
**Gary Brunner**, cousin of Susan Thowe, recovering from strokes

**Martha Smoker**, friend of Susan Thowe, health concerns  
**Crystal Martin**, friend of Kahlee Crocker, recovering from surgery  
**Margita, Raymond and Donna**, relatives of Michele LeMoine, health concerns

**Debbie Domingo**, mother of Daniel, recovering from ankle surgery  
**Carri S. Carr**, co-worker friend of Tamara Tiemann, medical concerns & tests  
**Bernard Hammel**, uncle of Betty Deiter, recovering from amputation following a car accident

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, surgery  
**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  
**Betty**, sister of Chuck Urban  
**Beva**, sister of Bob Gabler  
**Amy**, aunt of Janet Zima, surgery  
**MaryKay Lowry**, aunt of Kelly Burke

**Lois Nelson**, great-aunt of Paige Grisell  
**Junior Ray**, nephew of Florine Ehret  
**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  
**Adam**, friend of Jessica Atchison  
**Dalton**, friend of Jan Williams  
**Denise**, friend of Smelter family

**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  
**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  
**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  
**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 Learning 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).