



# 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. *Brody Michael Brooks*, son of Ryan & Becky, will be baptized in the 11:00 worship. Brody's sponsors are Mollie Winkler, Joel Winkler and Adam Brooks.
- **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."

## Sign up for Lenten Small Groups

Today begins the first step in the vision of small group ministry. During Lent, you are invited to participate in a small group of your choosing. The topic will be "Meeting Jesus." In the Gospels, we will meet Jesus as we enter the story through the eyes and ears and hearts of the people who meet him. The "textbook" will be the Bible. The hope of our study is to see Jesus with new eyes and to be encountered by him through the Word of God.



### SIGN UP at the display in the lobby for a Lenten Small Group TODAY!

*What does being in a small group involve?*

- 5 weeks of study (Feb. 21 thru March 27)
- Meeting weekly for 90-minute sessions
- Connecting with 10 people in a group
- Fellowship, meditative reading, Bible study and prayer
- These initial groups will help us launch small groups later this year.

Facilitator training led by Pastor Jim continues today during the 9:30 education hour at the north end of the Fellowship Hall. The last session is Feb. 7. Then on Feb. 14 at 12:30 p.m., the sessions will end with a lunch and Q&A at the Bender home (3214 SW 17th). Questions? Contact Pastor Jim at [pastorjim@swbell.net](mailto:pastorjim@swbell.net).

### Sunday School Offerings help Haitians

Sunday school offerings for February will be sent to help the recent Haiti earthquake victims. Thrivent will match these funds at a 2:1 rate. Please take advantage of this opportunity to make your Sunday school offering go even further. Let's all pitch in a little extra to help out.

## 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
	6:00 pm	Blended worship
	6:00	Sr Youth Ignite
	6:00	NYG meeting
	<b>Mon</b>	9:30 am
6:30 pm		Girls of Faith (Audrey's)
7:00		Boy Scouts
7:30		Men's Basketball (TLS)
<b>Tue</b>	9:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study
	9:30	Hanson Small Group
	7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
<b>Wed</b>	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	5:00	Prayer Team
	5:30	WOW
	5:30	Confirmation
	6:15	Signing Class
	6:15	Women's Bible Study II
	6:30	Men's Bible Study II
	7:00	Board of Spiritual Life
<b>Thur</b>	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00	Sr Youth Bible Study
	7:30	Adult Choir
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> gr Friday Frenzy
<b>Sat</b>	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study I
	10:30	Topeka Assn of Deaf
	6:00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> gr Amazing Race
	6:00	Dinner and a Movie

**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.

## Upcoming Activities

- **Burrito Sales** The TLS 8th grade class is taking orders for burritos today and Feb. 7 at the bottom of the stairs from 8:45 -12:15 both mornings. This is a fundraiser to support their class trip to Denver in May. Burritos sell \$15 per dozen or \$8 per 1/2 dozen. They may also be ordered at: [tls8thgradesales@gmail.com](mailto:tls8thgradesales@gmail.com). Pickup is Feb. 28.
- **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 the campaign against the slave trade in 19th century Britain, led by William Wilberforce. This story was the inspiration to the contemporary Christian song "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. Younger kids will be offered another movie choice.
- **Conversations of Grace** Learn how to discover the needs of your community and share the love of Jesus in your everyday life. "Plowing & Planting" Web Conference is Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church. Featured speakers are Rev. Carlos Hernandez, Rev. Fred Darkow and Rev. Brad Aldrich. Conference sessions include presentations by speakers, guided small group discussions, Q&A session with speakers, hands-on Gospel-sharing training, fellowship. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch and materials. Register at [www.kslcms.org/cog](http://www.kslcms.org/cog) or pick up a form in the church office.

## Community Events

- **Getting by on a Dime** Community Resources Council is sponsoring this free event Feb. 3, 7–8:45 p.m. at the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library. Learn how you can reduce your spending while still doing things you and your family enjoy. Toolkit 4 Life is a free monthly series that helps consumers make smart, informed decisions on managing bills, credit and money. For information contact CRC, 233-1365.
- **Shepherd's Center of Topeka** SCT is having its Winter 2010 Adventures in Learning session each Friday in February, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 3033 SW MacVicar. Includes fitness, classes, musical performance and catered buffet lunch. Fee is \$25 for four Fridays. [www.shepherdscentertopeka.org](http://www.shepherdscentertopeka.org).
- **'Souper' bowl Sunday** Doorstep of Topeka is collecting soup and crackers on Feb. 7. Bring food items to church next Sunday to help stock their almost empty food pantry.

## F.Y.I

**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 (M-Th) from 8:30-9:00 a.m.* and continue to keep the work of the church in your personal prayers.

### 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.) If you're interested, come to an Informational Alaska meeting TODAY at 4 p.m. or contact Audrey at [audreydce@swbell.net](mailto:audreydce@swbell.net).

### TLS Enrollment for 2010-11

Pre-enrollment will be the week of Feb. 21. Families (interested or current) can sign up by email, contacting the church office, or at the TLS display on Sunday, Feb. 14, for a 30-minute meeting. Families will be introduced to Faith's vision and goals at this meeting while completing necessary paperwork.

**Talent Show needs acts** 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. The date is Friday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Jennifer Deardorff, 478-0511, [jenniferdeardorff@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferdeardorff@hotmail.com) by Feb. 7 if interested in performing.

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

## Youth Ministry

*Note: All youth information can be found on the church Web site.*

### 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). RSVP.
- **7th/8th grade** *Powerhouse & Destination Unknown Amazing Race*, Feb. 6, 6-10 p.m. (\$5). You and your team will ride to three different mystery destinations. We need parent help and drivers.
- **7th/8th grade** *Sunshine Connection Valentine Party*, Feb. 10. 5:30 p.m.—eat together (bring \$3), 6:00—leave for Sunshine Connection, 6:30-7:45—party, 8:00—parents pick up at church.

### Senior Youth Ministries for grades 9-12

- **National Youth Gathering Meeting** - Required for all participants and their parents. TODAY from 6-8 p.m.
- **Super Bowl Party** - Sunday, Feb. 7, 4:30 p.m. at Pete Peterson's house (6104 SW Brookfield Circle). Bring a snack to share. We'll provide the pizza and pop.

*Youth Worship will NOT be taking place on Feb. 28. A new date has not yet been set.*

## Worship Ministry Opportunities

- **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.
- **Adult Choir** - Rehearses Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. They will sing 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 today at 8 & 11 a.m., Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Men's Ensemble** - Rehearses on Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. Sings Feb. 21 at all morning worship, and Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. for Talent Show
- **Special Music** - if you are interested in playing or singing (as a solo or ensemble), sign-up on the sheet located on the second floor door or contact Young at [youngmusic@gmail.com](mailto:youngmusic@gmail.com).

### Collection for Haiti Relief

You can continue to give to LCMS World Relief & Human Care by mailing checks to them at PO Box 66861, St. Louis MO 63166-6861 (noting "Haiti Earthquake Relief.") **If you are a Thrivent member:** Thrivent Financial will add \$1 for every \$2 members donate for "Helping Haiti." Click on the link on the church Web site or call 800-236-3736 between 7 a.m.-6 p.m., M-F. When prompted, say "directory" and enter ext. 83003.

**our MEMBERS**

**Shirley Martin**, upcoming surgery  
**Norm Sawyer**, in rehab following infection  
**Ed Richardson**, broken elbow from a fall  
**Patrica Voss**, recovering from ankle 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**  
**Herb Eisler**  
**Belmont Evans**  
**Wilma Gregg**  
**Michele LeMoine**  
**Ron Reigel**

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

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  
**Pat**, friend of Kim Burnam  
**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).