



Weekend Update

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

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- 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

Liturgical Dance During the 9:30 and 11:00 worship, we will experience two performances of liturgical dance by Cleargold, a local group of dancers with a common love for Jesus. Their desire is to honor God in every area of life — including the area of dance. This volunteer ministry is offered by devoted young women who are advanced dancers, ages 12-16, training in liturgical dance, as well as other forms of dance, at Barbara's Conservatory of Dance in Topeka. They will dance to "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" followed by "Breathe."

Cleargold will be offering a workshop for grades 6 through adults (no dance experience needed) on March 6 from 10 a.m. to Noon at TLS Center for Young Children, 1732 SW Gage (across from church). You will see a demonstration by an established dance team, be introduced to some basic dance steps and learn a short dance. Register today at the display in the lobby or by March 1 to 272-4214 or fctop@swbell.net. No admission fee. Questions? Contact Betty Ramsey, 862-6620.

Fused Glass Project Stop by the project area in the Fellowship Hall anytime TODAY from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-5:45 p.m. The congregation will help create a visual piece of art that reflects our mission statement. It only takes a short time to pick out glass pieces for the work that will be displayed in the lobby window. The project is led by Kymm Hughes of Glass Expressions.

Preparing our hearts for Lent

Lenten Worship - Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45-6:45 p.m. by the youth. This week's menu is: Lasagne, tossed salad, garlic bread, chocolate cake. Suggested donation is \$5/adults, \$3/children under 10.

Lenten Devotions A wide variety of devotion booklets for your daily meditation and study can be found on the table in the lobby. Take one home today!

- † **"Welcome, Lent"** - An activity calendar for young children
- † **"Coming Home to the Lord"** - For families
- † **"Walking with Jesus"** - from Lutheran Hour Ministries
- † **"From the Mount of Transfiguration to Mount Calvary"** - from LHM
- † **"Christ's Kingdom"** - from Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots


Fasting During Lent, Pastor Jim would like at least 40 people to fast one day for the church. There are still days available in March. If you are interested in fasting and dedicating yourself in prayer for one day during Lent, see resource table in the lobby. If you need to chose your day, sign up on the calendar, if you don't care which day, sign up on the blank sheet and we will contact you. You will also receive an explanation of fasting.

Calendar: This week at Faith

Today	8:00 am	Traditional worship
	8:30	Fused Glass Project
	9:30	Sunday Education
	9:30	Contemporary worship
	10:45	Sunday Education
	10:45	New Member Orientation
	11:00	Traditional worship
	3:00 pm	Worship for the Deaf
	6:00	Blended worship
	6:00	Sr Youth Ignite
Mon	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:30	Women's Bible Study I
	6:30 pm	Girls of Faith (Audrey's)
	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:00	LWML Exec Board
	7:30	Men's Basketball (TLS)
Tue	9:00 am	Lifelight Bible Study
	9:30	Hanson Small Group
	7:00	Praise Team Rehearsal
Wed	1:30 pm	Parish Nurse Walk-in
	5:00	Lenten worship
	5:30	WOW
	5:30	Confirmation
	5:45	Lenten Dinner
	6:15	Signing Class
	6:30	Men's Bible Study II
	7:00	Lenten worship
Thur	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00	Sr Youth Bible Study
	7:30	Adult Choir
Fri	6:30 pm	Talent Show
Sat	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study I
	10:00	Conversations of Grace

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 at Faith

- Faith Talent Show** A variety of acts by Faith members will fill the evening of Friday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dessert to share and satisfy your sweet tooth at the dessert potluck. A free-will donation will be taken (half to Haiti, half for Praise Team workshops).
 
- 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. 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 or pick up a form in the church office.
- Women's Lenten Reflection** On Monday March 1, Faith's Family Ministry Team invites you and your friends to take a Lenten journey together as sisters in Christ. Experience "REDEMPTION, A Journey to the Cross," a women's Lenten Reflection from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This meditative evening is designed to help you spend time at the foot of the cross and listen to the Spirit of God as you reflect on what the Savior has done for you. The event is free. RSVP to audreydce@swbell.net or 272-4214. *Bring a dessert to share.*

In the Community

- Music Concert at Washburn** The Washburn Symphony Orchestra will be in concert, Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. featuring Dr. Lee Snook (former Faith choir director) and Olathe NW High School Orchestra.
- Benefit Pancake Feed** A benefit for Brandon Hurd will be at Calvary Lutheran Church, 4211 NW Topeka Blvd on Saturday, Feb. 27, 6 a.m.-1 p.m. Brandon has a brain tumor and no health insurance (he is married with three children). Suggested donation of \$4/person. Thrivent will match funds.
- Thrivent Meeting** The Northern Shawnee County Chapter of Thrivent Financial will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, at the Java Bar, Thunderbird Square, 29th and Croco Road. In 2009, our chapter and congregations, through numerous social, educational and fundraising activities, raised more than \$75,000 for charitable causes and worked 8,500 volunteer hours. In addition, volunteers contributed numerous hours building two Habitat for Humanity houses in southeast Topeka. Call Ron Sims, 862-4712, for additional information.

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Voters Meeting The following nominees are endorsed by LLC because they share our approach in sharing the Gospel with others and will be considered at the Voters Meeting on Feb. 28 at 10:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For President: Gerald Kieschnick and Rev. William Diekelman. For First Vice President: Rev. William Diekelman and Rev. Jeffery Schrank. For Vice President positions two through five: Rev. Victor Belton, Rev. Paul Meier and Rev. Dean Nadasdy. Other nominees for consideration as Vice Presidents: Rev. David Buegler and Rev. Luther Brunette. Elections will be at the LCMS National Convention, July 10 – 17 in Houston, Texas.

Individual Money Map

Coaching Available Do you need one-on-one help developing your family budget? Crown Financial Ministries has developed the Money Map Coaching program to aid individuals/families in developing a budget in accordance with scriptural principals. All sessions are free and completely confidential. Colleen Lippe has recently completed the training to be a Crown Financial Ministries Money Map Coach. She is a small business owner and an accountant. To set up your consultation contact Colleen (272-9165 or cjlippe@cox.net.)

Church Office Closed Most of the office will be closed on Friday, Feb. 26 due to painting the office. If no one answers the phone, feel free to leave a message on the answering machine. In an emergency, contact Pastor Jim, 806-7590. The building will still be open from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Helping those in need

- **Operation Soup Line** This fund raiser to benefit Doorstep, Inc. is Feb. 24 at the Kansas Expocentre Ag Hall, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost is \$8/adults; children 5 and under free. Menu: chili, vegetable beef or portuguese green soup, dessert and drink. Includes local celebrity servers and entertainment, silent auction of theme baskets. Delivery of 10+ meals by calling 357-5341. Get tickets by contacting Marian Bolz, 286-3889.
- **Meals on Wheels needs volunteers** Meal on Wheels is a community agency that delivers meals to homebound people. Faith helps maintain six different routes. We have about 20 people from Faith who are active "meal deliverers" but we could use more volunteers. Meal deliveries usually take about an hour between 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may deliver once a month or once a week, whatever your schedule allows. If interested, call Carolyn Watson at 272-4214.

New Bible Classes begin today

- **New Member Orientation** A 3-week session for those who are Lutheran and wish to transfer their membership to Faith Lutheran Church, begins TODAY at 10:45 in Room 100A. New members will be welcomed into Faith on Sunday, March 14. Questions? Contact Sharon in the church office, 272-4214.
- **Crown Money Map** Join a six-week *Crown Money Map* video course, get re-energized about your financial resolutions and start managing your finances according to God's plan. The Crown Money Map video course reviews the seven steps to financial freedom. Led by trained Money Map Coach, Colleen Lippe, this Bible-based study runs TODAY - March 28, in Room 104, at 9:30 a.m. Suggested donation for materials is \$15. Contact Colleen (272-9165) for more information.

Worship Ministry Opportunities

- **Festival Choir** - Rehearsals are March 11, 18, 25 at 7:30 p.m. and April 1 at 8 p.m. They sing Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Join us if you love to sing the praises of the Lord!
- **Men's Ensemble** - Sings today, and Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

An insert today shares the financial situation of the Kansas District through a letter from District President Keith Kohlmeier. Last year Faith committed \$29,000 for district and Synod but contributed only \$12,100 or a short fall of \$16,900. We fully intend to complete our 2009 commitment and included this shortage in our 2010 budget in addition to our 2010 commitment of \$26,250, based on 2.5% of contributions. The district was informed of these commitments and the first installment was paid in January.

our MEMBERS

Darlene Oeschlager, at the death of her brother-in-law, Walt, and son-in-law, Larry
Julie Munoz and family, at the death of her grandfather, John
Norma Hudson, hospitalized for tests
Sandy Chitwood, recovering from surgery
John Barrett, recovering from surgery
Herb Eisler, recovering from surgery

Shirley Martin, recovering from surgery
Steve Hale, recovering from surgery
Patricia Voss, recovering from ankle surgery
Phil Gjerstad, at home
Allyson Harris, difficult medical issues
Terry Carlson, health concerns
Jeff Kuhn, needing a kidney transplant
Susan Borghardt, cancer, undergoing chemo

Barb McComas, cancer treatment
Ben Bahner
Roy Benaka
Belmont Evans
Wilma Gregg
Michele LeMoine
Ron Reigel
Norm Sawyer

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

Family & friends of Brianna Clark, friend of Betsy Hawkins, at her death
Bernie Hammell, uncle of Betty Deiter, health concerns
Norma Wilde, mother of Barb McComas, congestive heart failure

Sarah, friend of Shirley Pryor, health issues
Allison, daughter of Jeanette Wehmeier, recovery from spinal surgery

Robert Groves, husband of co-worker of Tamara Tiemann, undergoing tests
Mark Littlefield, friend of Connie Widdell, hospitalized with infection

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

Carol Wilde, sister of Barb McComas
Dan Richardson, son of Ed
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
Ron Meeks, brother of Connie Widdell
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

Heidi, friend of Kim Burnam
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

in the MILITARY

Chase Briggs
David Conwell
Bryan Conwell
Scott Hudson
Tim Kemp
David Marstall
Rebecca (Briggs) Waterman
Matt Thomas, husband of Chelsie (Saunders)
James Brown, father of Ashley Brown
Hallie & Shawn Spencer, daughter & son-in-law of Brumleves
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
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).