

The prayer of the  
righteous is  
powerful and  
effective.

James 5:16  
(NRSV)

# Weekend Update

Grow in faith... Share Christ's love

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[www.FaithLutheranTopeka.org](http://www.FaithLutheranTopeka.org)

### Publications for download from our Web site:

- Weekend Updates
- Monthly Messengers

### Education for all ages

- 9:30 and 10:45 a.m.
- Look for posters listing options

### Nursery / Mothers' Area

A staffed nursery for young children is available Sunday mornings from 9:15 - noon.

A quiet area for nursing mothers or if your infant needs to be rocked, is found behind the Gathering Nook in the room off the lobby. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

## Today at Faith

**Light Castings** Today continues the sermon series about the Light shown by God through our lives and the vision of our church. Today we focus on PRAYER. God has called us into a relationship with Himself. Relationships require communication. Prayer is communication between a holy God and a beloved you and me. Throughout God's Word we're taught the significance and role of prayer. This week we are offering four events that encourage your prayer life. See *information below for details.*

**Altar Flowers** The flowers near the altar are given in celebration of Scout Sunday. The flowers on the side shelves are from the funeral of Bernice Dettke.

**Scout Sunday** Boy Scout Troop 59 and Cub Scouts Pack 59 would like to say "Thank You" to our Charter Organization of 50 years, Faith Lutheran Church, on Scout Sunday. Scouting provides opportunities for youth development, growth and leadership. For more information about scouting, contact Marc Milner, Scoutmaster, 273-8447 or Lewis Butts, Cubmaster, 215-0165. Plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Scouting at Faith will take place later this year. Thanks to Glenn Anschutz for being the Charter Representative for the Pack and Troop.

**Fellowship & Rolls** Come down to the Fellowship Hall this morning between worship services for a delicious fresh-baked cinnamon or caramel roll and a hot cup of PTs coffee. This is a fundraising opportunity by our youth.

## Light Castings: Schedule of Events

**Prayer** — "Getting Closer with God through Prayer"

- "Prayer 101" - Monday, Feb. 6, 6:30-8 p.m. (Room 100)
- "Lord's Prayer Seminar" - Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30-8 p.m. (Room 100)
- Prayer Time - Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (sanctuary)
- Prayer Events - Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (locations around Topeka)

### Service

- Various service projects at Faith and in the Topeka community



## CALENDAR: This week at Faith

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am	Traditional Worship
	9:30/10:45	Education Hours
	9:30	Contemporary Worship
	11:00	Traditional Worship
	3:00 pm	Worship for the Deaf
	4:00	1st Bible Fun Time
	6:00	Blended Worship
<b>Mon</b>	5:30 pm	Deacons Study
	6:30	Prayer 101
	6:30	Webelos
	6:30	Signing Class
	7:00	Boy Scouts
	7:00	Knitting Class
	7:30	Men's Basketball (TLS)
<b>Tue</b>	7:00 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00	Spiritual Life Board
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	Ruth Circle
	5:30 pm	WOW
	5:30	Confirmation
<b>Thur</b>	6:00 pm	Bell Choir
	6:30	Lord's Prayer Seminar
	7:30	Adult Choir
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 pm	Friday Frenzies (gr 5-6)
<b>Sat</b>	10:00 am	Light Castings - Prayer
	6:00 pm	Powerhouse (gr 7-8)

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## Boy Scout 'God & Church' Award

Tonight in the 6 p.m. worship, Troop 59 will recognize five Scouts and six adults who have completed the requirements for the "God and Church" award. The God and Church course is one level, generally for students in 6th through 8th grades, of an overall program to

encourage religious training for young men and women taking part in Scouting. The goals of the God and Church course are:

- To strengthen young people's relationship with Christ
- To challenge young people to learn about and participate in the worship and ministry of the church
- To have young people make a plan for daily Bible reading and memorize a creed or statement of belief or passage of scripture
- To provide the opportunity for young people to experience the joy of serving others

The Scouts have worked with Pastor Bender, Vicar Cranford, and the adult mentors to go on a faith journey with three parts: meeting Jesus, worshiping God, and witnessing and ministering for Christ. They have participated in worship and service projects, read the Bible over 30 days, and studied the Church, as well as attended class once a month since June. The Scouts being recognized today are Alex Fry, Aric Zillinger, Blaine Fry, Jacob Schwartz, and Nathan Leonard. The adult mentors also being recognized are Clint Fry, Jan Zillinger, Marc Milner, Mark Zillinger, Scott Leonard and Tim Trail. Be sure to congratulate these Scouts and adults on their hard work.

## Lent Begins Feb. 22

### "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

*A Reflection on the CROSSES of Faith Lutheran Church*

What does the cross mean to you? We will pay attention to the crosses that have caught your eye these many years of worshipping at Faith and renew our love for the cross and its call upon our lives. Each week, a different cross will unveil a different theme of discipleship.

**Wednesdays, Feb. 22 - March 28 at 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

**A meal is served from 5:45-6:45 by Youth Ministries.**

## Upcoming Events

**Sweetheart Dinner & Dance** Call 357-1468 and leave a message with your RSVP to the 2nd Annual Sweetheart Dinner & Dance then mail a check to 701 SW Roosevelt Street, 66606 for \$55/couple or \$30/Single. Black Tie (optional) Jacket Required. Doors open at 5 p.m. for registration, valentine silent auction and complimentary photo, dinner at 6:00 followed by entertainment and message. Dancing begins at 8:00 featuring the Topeka Big Band. Benefits the Grant In Aid student tuition.

**Senior Saints** The Senior Saints are hosting a presentation by Agnes Krezminski, member of Kansas Authors group, on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 11:30 a.m. We all have a story to tell. Agnes will help us get started on writing our memoirs. A soup and salad lunch will be served (donations accepted). All are welcome. Call Elaine Eggold, 232-9708 or Barb McComas, 233-7293

Also, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m., senior citizens are invited to the dress rehearsal of Topeka West High School spring musical, *Guys and Dolls*, on campus in the West Auditorium. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

**A Time to Scrap** Another date has been set to continue work on crafting. Come Friday, Feb. 17, 6 p.m. to midnight. *We are opening the night up to any crafter.* Gather to craft, with munchies to share. RSVP to Pat Schultz, tiredmompls@aol.com or 286-3654.

## F.Y.I.

**Souperbowl** Doorstep of Topeka is filling their food pantry by collecting soup and crackers (and other non-perishable food). *Bring food supplies TODAY* and place in the designated bins in the Gathering Nook.

**Voters Meeting** Annual Voters Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 12 at 12:15 p.m. All Ministry Team Leaders are to provide a report on events and activities from 2011 for distribution at this meeting. Please submit to church office by today.

**WOW Leaders Night** In celebration of the service offered by leaders at Faith, WOW will have a special "leaders" night on Feb. 15. Children will learn about the many different ways people serve the Lord within the congregation such as trustees, altar guild, maintaining candles, music, pastoral care, education, Lay Leadership Council and Spiritual Life leaders. *Do you love serving? Do you want to share how you serve with children?* Contact the church office.

**Housing Needed** The Concordia University Wind Symphony from Concordia University Chicago, will be in concert at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, March 9. The Lutheran Fine Arts Council Topeka would appreciate help in housing the group. Call Walt Laughlin, 266-9357 or Dee Sponamore, 232-3236.

**Men's Basketball** Pick-up games of basketball continue Mondays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Topeka Lutheran School (701 Roosevelt). Contact Chris Meyer, 273-7352 or meyer@ksdot.org.

*'Selah' is a Hebrew word often used in the Psalms. It means 'stop and listen.'*

# WOMEN'S Selah LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, FEB. 25 . 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

. APPETIZERS . CHICKEN CORDON BLEU WITH RICE .  
. GREEN BEANS ALMONDINE . ROLL . DESSERT BAR .

. ENTERTAINMENT BY MEN'S QUARTET OF FAITH .  
. GIFT GIVE-AWAYS . UNIQUELY DECORATED TABLES .

TICKETS ARE \$10 . AVAILABLE SUNDAYS BEGINNING FEB. 12 OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

# Grow in Faith. Share Christ's love. *A thought about our vision*

**Relational Living--** The amazing thing about Isaiah 40 is that both the absolute otherness of God and the absolute intimacy of God is revealed. We are grasshoppers and God is mighty and eternal. We are the renewed because God bothers to love us and strengthen us. And so our own paradox is shown-- we are nothing and we are everything. May we always find our place in God.

[italics] = new prayer this week

**our MEMBERS**

*Family & friends of Bernice Dettke, at her death*  
**Linda Lauver**, recovering from surgery  
**David Knowland**, recovering from surgery  
**Dan Ramsey**, recovering from surgery  
**Natalie Hogg**, recovering from palate surgery  
**Eli Hoestje**, upcoming surgery

**Ella Dittmer**, newborn daughter of David & Belinda, recovering from heart surgery  
**Shirley Pryor**, recovering from shoulder surgery  
**Gary Orth**, recovering from surgery  
**Luke Savage**, undergoing chemotherapy  
**Oren Sharp**, recovering from lung surgery

**Nicole Giancana**, health issues  
**Ali Fowler**, health issues  
**Kristin Hennessey**, health concerns  
**Jeni Moss**, health concerns  
**Gladys Johnson**, health issues  
**Melissa Knowland**, health issues

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 FRIENDS**

*Pastor Jeff Geske & Jacob, at the tragic loss of their family: Laura, Joshua and Joy*  
**The family of Todd Larson**, at his death in a motorcycle accident  
**Larry Sundsvold**, uncle of Sara Hale, hospitalized with leg infection  
**Mary Lesline**, sister of JoAnn Kroenke, in serious condition  
**JaCory**, grandson of Marilyn Thomas, upcoming palate surgery

**Donald & Mike**, family members of co-workers of Tamara Tiemann, recovering from surgery  
**Violet Dwyer**, child recovering from heart surgery  
**Pam**, sister of Barb Bleich, serious health concerns  
**Hope**, friend of Mitch Johnson, bacterial meningitis  
**Bernard**, brother-in-law of Wayne Christensen, recovering from back surgery  
**Vauncille Barrett**, mother of Wanda, recovering from heart surgery

**Tamra**, niece of Connie Sears, undergoing treatments for MS  
**Fran Walker**, mother of Kenny Riddle, health issues  
**Kyle**, friend of Austin Kennard, Hunter Pease, Blake Cheatham, recovering from heart surgery  
**Denise**, mother of daycare employee, in coma  
**Eleanor Brown**, 18-mo. old extended family of Lawrie & Heather—friends of Pastor Pete, needing bone marrow transplant

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.

**CANCER or Long-term ILLNESS**

**FAITH MEMBERS:**

**Karen Figge**                      **Frances Braun**  
**Kay Kemp**                        **Jeff Kuhn**  
**Barb McComas**                **Norm Sawyer**  
**Joy Umscheid**

**FAMILY & FRIENDS of MEMBERS:**

**Les Vahsholtz**, father of Jennifer Reynolds  
**Waymond Alumbaugh**, father of Wayne  
**Bob Hogrefe**, father of Kim Hernandez  
**Pat Miller**, mother of Ann Shelton  
**Betty**, mother-in-law of Betsy Hawkins  
**Nancy**, step-mother of Vici Hummell  
**Sarah Ybarra**, daughter of Karen Elsen

**Dan Richardson**, son of Ed  
**Randy Flanagan**, son of Marty  
**Richard Wilms**, son of Norm & Clarene  
**David Wehmeier**, brother of Darrell  
**Lyle Figge**, brother of Myron  
**Mike**, brother of Dee Bowman  
**Barb Miller**, sister of Kathy Thomason  
**Carol Wilde**, sister of Barb McComas  
**Cecile Penney**, sister of Goodings  
**Bill Adkins**, brother-in-law of Charlotte Campbell  
**Mike**, brother-in-law of Zimas  
**Shaun**, uncle of Vici Hummell  
**Joseph McGee**, nephew of Gwen Lehman  
**Travis Curran**, nephew of Stacey Utech

**John**, cousin of Jane Nelson  
**Kelsey Kataret**, cousin of Sandra Raney  
**Adam**, friend of Jessica Atchison  
**Bill**, friend of Laurie Charay  
**Bryan**, friend of Kelly Burke  
**Jenny**, friend of Connie Widdell  
**Jeanne & Laura**, friends of Sandy Sweet  
**Laura**, friend of Diana Beitz  
**Liese**, friend of Mardi Long  
**Jim**, friend of Zimas  
**Nancy & Judy**, friends of Shirley Martin  
**Sabrina**, friend of Amy Dunton  
**Tanya**, friends of Jennifer Harris  
**Kayla**, child-friend of Kate Culbertson

**actively DEPLOYED**

**Brian Jordan**, son of Larry  
**Chuck Taylor**, brother of Dave  
**Joel Gaston**, brother of Juli Mazachek

**Kyle Long**, grandson of Oren & Karolyn Sharp  
**Dane Sorensen**, nephew of Nancy Rhone

**Tom Palenske**, brother-in-law of Juli Mazachek  
**Josh Gibbs**, friend of Harris family

**In SERVICE & MISSION**

**Spiritual Life Leaders**  
**Stephen Ministers**  
**Lay Deacons**  
**Topeka Lutheran School & CYC**  
**Faith Early Learning Center**

**Children's Christian Concern Society**  
**Heiney and Carlos families** (missionaries to Guinea)  
**Kory & Cara Fay and family**, LBT  
**LINC Ministry** Dallas, TX

**Outreach/Ministry to Washburn University**  
**Those preparing for church work:** Christina Seva, Amie Zillinger, David Hale  
**Those in college and preparing for life's work**

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).