



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.

In worship today

- **Guest Preacher** Martin Albrecht, lay deacon, is preaching in all worship services today. Martin recently graduated from the Kansas District Lay Leadership Institute and Faith called him to serve as a lay deacon—helping the pastor with hospital and home visits, preaching, assisting worship, leading Bible classes and other areas as needed.

Focus on Education

- **W.O.W. Fall Kick-off** Word On Wednesdays begins this week, 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. Join us on Wednesday 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.
- **WOW Needs Volunteers** There is a need for 2-4 people to help *clean up the kitchen* (6-7 p.m.); *table parents* during the meal time (5:20-6:10 p.m.); three *Bible Time helpers* to assist the lead teachers (6:30-7:30 p.m.) If you want to be a part of making WOW the best, contact Marilyn Shults.
- **Education/Rally Sunday** Next Sunday, Sept. 13, parents and children (grade 4 and younger) will participate in an intergenerational session introducing prayer. This is a special day focusing on education for children. Families plus 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, 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. Kindergarteners, Preschoolers (and parents) will start upstairs in the education wing. Look for signs indicating where to meet.
- **Looking for a Few More** Children's Sunday education classes need one helper at 9:30 and one helper at 10:45 with preschool children. Contact Marilyn Shults if you want to help.

A Special Thank You to all the children's summer Sunday education leaders and helpers. Your commitment to sharing the Word of God is a blessing.

Calendar: This week at Faith

Today	<i>Church Office Closed</i>
	8:00 am Traditional worship
	9:30 Education hour
	9:30 Contemporary worship
	10:45 Education hour
	11:00 Traditional worship
	6:00 pm Blended worship
Mon	<i>Labor Day—Church Office Closed</i>
Tue	9:00 am LifeLight Bible Study
	9:30 Hanson Small Group
	5:30 pm ECC Team
	7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal
Wed	9:30 am Women's Bible Time
	1:30 pm Parish Nurse Walk-in
	5:30 Confirmation
	5:30 WOW Kickoff
	6:30 Men's Bible Study II
Thur	5:15 pm Christian Service Team
	6:00 Bell Choir
	7:30 Adult Choir
Sat	8:00 am Men's Bible Study I

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

We are producing a pictorial family album to help you put names with faces in our church. 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 next week or schedule on-line by going to our Web site:

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.

Ministry Highlights

- **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.
- **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.
- **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. A registration form can also be found in the lobby rack.

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Choir Practice This Week

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

New Hymnals Turn in the form inserted in today's publication if you want to donate toward *Lutheran Service Book*.

MMC Meeting As part of our budget planning, a Ministry Coordinating Council meeting is Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. This gives ministry teams the opportunity to share future goals and budget needs with LLC and be informed of LLC plans for the coming year.

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.

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.

"The LLL Reporter" is a publication of the Kansas District LLL. 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.

News and Notes

- **Garage Sale Donations** The Youth Group is having a garage sale at the Hoffman House, Oct. 23-24, but they will begin taking donations beginning Sept. 9. If you need items picked up or have questions, contact Jan Zillinger (jan.zillinger@yahoo.com or 273-3105) or Shelly Mahon (478-1592 or bugshelly@cox.net) Consider giving your "first fruits" (best) of unneeded items to help them raise funds for National Youth Gathering, LVR and events.
- **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.
- **Retirees Group** If you are a retired person at Faith and want to connect with other retirees, come to a luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meat dish and table service will be provided, bring a side dish to share. Questions? Contact Elaine Eggold at 232-9708.
- **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.
- **Topeka Lutheran School Pastry Sale** The PTL is currently taking orders for pastries. There are five varieties to choose from: cherry, apple or cream cheese tea rings, cinnamon rolls or blueberry-cream cheese rolls. Order forms are available on the TLS display in the lobby and will be taken until Sept. 21. Contact Sally Bender, 409-9004 for more information.
- **Shepherd's Center Day Trip** You can still sign up 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 now \$40. Call 267-0248.

Youth Ministry Activities

- **Senior Youth Information Meeting** All 8th-12th graders and parents can come to a meeting, Sunday, Sept. 13, 12:15 to 2 p.m. to hear about Senior Youth activities plus the 2010 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Bring a salad.
- **Junior Youth Information Meeting** All 5th-8th graders and parents are invited to a meeting on Sun., Sept. 27, 12:15 to 2p.m. to learn about the exciting opportunities. Jr Youth will be designed for two separate groups this year—5th/6th graders and 7th/8th graders will have their own youth ministry events. Bring a dessert.

our MEMBERS

Fred Crowder, recovering from surgery
Roy Benaka, 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

Crystal Marquardt and family, at the death of her sister, Charlotte Raedeke
Susan Borghardt, cancer, undergoing chemo
Phil Gjerstad, leukemia, hospitalized at University of Minnesota
Barb McComas, cancer treatment
Jane Nelson and family, strength through difficult times

Ben Bahner
Belmont Evans
Ed Hartner
Vernon Hass
Kim Johnson
Michele LeMoine

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

Ray Sawyers, father of Dené Mosier, health problems
Hugo Engelbrecht, brother-in-law of Connie Rath, hospitalized in critical condition
Donna, step-mother of Michele LeMoine, health concerns
Gary Hawkins, husband of Betsy, stroke

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
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
Gina Tenbrink, sister-in-law of Gary
Katy Crowder, sister-in-law of Fred
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
Mike & Paul, relatives of Barnhills
Cindy Hammond, relative of Hullons
Adam, friend of Jessica Atchison
Dade, child friend of Lauvers
Dalton, friend of Jan Williams

Ella, child friend of Hamerskys
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).