



Faith Lutheran Church  
1716 SW Gage Blvd  
Topeka KS 66604

# Weekend Update

Grow in Faith . . . Share Christ's Love

As a vibrant family of believers,  
Faith Lutheran shares God's saving  
grace to equip the next generation.

August 16, 2026

## Happening Today at Faith

### Education Hour at 9:30

- **Children:** PS-K: Rm 205/207.  
Gr 1-2: Rm 104/106. Gr 3-5: Rm 105/107.
- **Junior Youth** (gr 6-8): Confirmation Rm
- **Senior Youth** (gr 9-12): Sr Youth Rm
- **Adults** *Flying with the Eagle* Pr Heine - FH
- **Adults** *Wired Word* Ann Mah - Rm 206

**Altar Flowers** are given today by Mark & Lori Neddermeyer in memory of Braden, Maddie and Samantha Davis.

**Baptism** We welcome **Leah Hazel McCormick** into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism at our 10:45am Contemporary Worship Service. Leah's parents are Brady & Madison McCormick; her sponsor is Pamela Kufahl.

**Coffee Fellowship and Donuts** provided between services in the downstairs Fellowship Hall by Senior Youth. Free-will donations accepted.

TODAY  
2pm  
Fellowship  
Hall

Sundae  
SUNDAY

ALL WOMEN INVITED



After each worship, our Christian Service Team will be handing out plastic bags for food donations. Simply take a bag home, fill it with *non-perishable* food items and return it to the Doorstep table in the church lobby. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference!

## CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Next Sunday, August 23 at 6pm

Join us for one of our favorite church traditions!  
ALL food and drinks provided.

We'll gather at **Lake Shawnee, Shelter #1** for an evening filled with delicious food, great conversation, laughter, and time together. Whether you've been part of our church family for years or you're just getting to know us, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect and enjoy a summer evening with friends.

Bring a lawn chair!

# SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING...



**THE MOMCO**  
(FORMERLY MOPS)

**Starting Tuesday, Aug 25**  
9-11am at Faith



ALL MOMS WELCOME  
(childcare provided)

Motherhood is complicated - mom friends can help. Join us for support and encouragement in your motherhood journey - through study of God's Word, mutual sharing, crafts, food, fellowship and so much more.

We will meet every other Tuesday, beginning **Aug 25, 9-11am** with childcare available. Scan QR code for more info!



**WOW**  
Kick-Off  
Sept 9

Join us for WOW Kick-Off Night!  
Wednesday, **Sept 9**, starting with dinner at 5:15pm, classes/activities at 6pm, and ending 'On The Green' with bonfire, s'mores and bubbles.  
Classes for all ages: Sept-April 2027



**JUNIOR & SENIOR YOUTH**

**Window Well Painting**

**SATURDAY, AUG 22 | 6-9PM**  
DINNER PROVIDED! (NOT A PARENT MTG)



**Fall 2027  
Nicaragua  
Service Trip**

**Interest Meeting**  
Sunday, Sept. 27 at 1:30pm  
In the Fellowship Hall with Lunch



Job description available from the church office!  
Contact Pastor Heine if interested!

**WE ARE HIRING**

**FACILITIES & GROUNDS MANAGER**



**FAITH SPEAKS**  
PRESENTS

**ERICK SORENSEN**  
FROM 1517

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 | 6PM**

\*OPTIONAL DINNER AT 5PM, FREE WILL OFFERING!

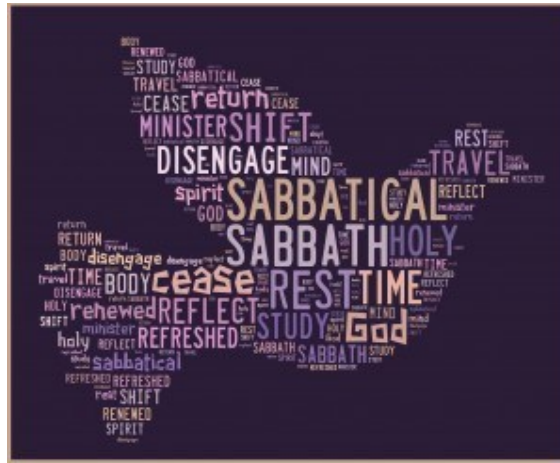
# WHAT TO DO WHEN PASTOR IS ON SABBATICAL

From Aug 24 to Nov 17, Pastor Heine will be on his sabbatical. This is an intentional time of rest and restoration.

The word sabbatical means to stop or cease. In this case, Pastor will be stopping his pastoral work for a time to rest and be restored in Christ so

that he can come back strengthened and ready for the wonderful ministry we have together.

During this time Pastor will not be present with us. He will not be looking at email, answering phone or text messages pertaining to work items, or be at worship and Bible class here at Faith Lutheran Church. *Please contact the church office* for guidance on who can help you with items you may



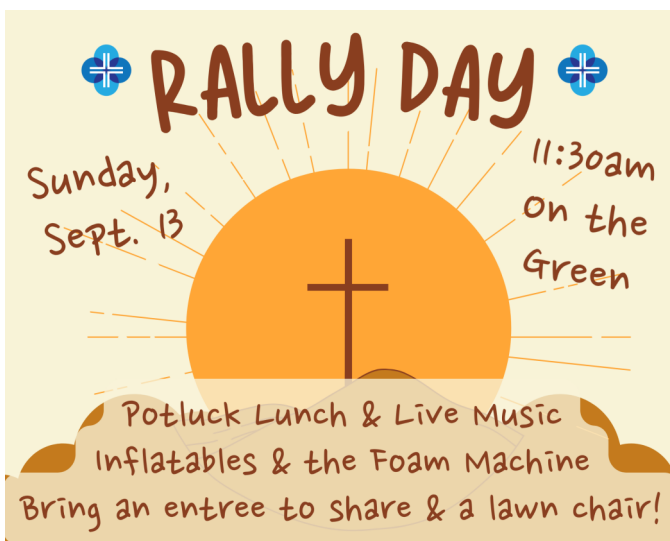
need that would typically be handled by Pastor Heine.

However, Pastor will still be around the community for much of his sabbatical time. You may see him out shopping, running, and generally just doing any normal activity.

Please know that you can absolutely come talk to

him, ask him how he is doing, encourage him and let him know you are looking forward to seeing him when he returns. You do not need to pretend he doesn't exist. Only understand that he is taking a break to rest and be restored.

You still matter greatly to him. He will be praying for you and looking forward to seeing you, whether before his return or when the sabbatical concludes.



## Join us for Rally Day!

Summer's over -- come back, reconnect, eat some food, and get plugged into everything happening at church!

You're invited Sept 13 for special guest speaker, ***Erick Sorensen from 1517***, presenting during Education Hour at 9:30am. Then join us 'On The Green' from 11:30am-1:30pm for a potluck lunch, inflatables, foam machine and live music! Bring an entrée to share and a lawn chair!

# In. Our. Prayers.

## members . prayers

**Eddie Fowler**, hospitalized after a fall

**Linda Laird**, moved to memory care

**Willard Welch**, rehab

## family & friends . prayers

**Arlene**, friend of Dave Schwartz, health concerns

**Brett Ballard & family**, WU Basketball Coach, car accident

**Mason**, grandson of Rae Johnson, deployed

**Ryan Matzke**, Air National Guard, deployed



## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

|       |         |                            |
|-------|---------|----------------------------|
| TODAY | 8:00am  | Traditional Worship        |
|       | 9:30am  | Education Hour             |
|       | 10:45am | Modern Worship             |
|       | 12:15pm | Traditional Worship        |
|       | 2:00pm  | LWML Ice Cream Social      |
| MON   | 6:00pm  | Cub Scouts                 |
|       | 7:00pm  | Scouts                     |
| TUE   | 10:00am | Bible Study                |
|       | 6:00pm  | LLC                        |
| WED   | 7:00pm  | Praise Team                |
| THU   | 8:00am  | Scrapbooking               |
| FRI   | 8:00am  | Scrapbooking               |
| SAT   | 8:00am  | Men's Bible Study          |
|       | 9:00am  | Breakfast club             |
|       | 6-9pm   | Youth Window Well Painting |

## members . cancer or long-term health issues

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Pam Bass</b>       | <b>Shirley Martin</b>     | <b>Tom Pufahl</b>      |
| <b>Barb Barbs</b>     | <b>Jan Williams</b>       | <b>Sandra Dickison</b> |
| <b>Mark Brewer</b>    | <b>Norm Wilms</b>         | <b>Mickey Holloway</b> |
| <b>Eddie Fowler</b>   | <b>Clarene Wilms</b>      | <b>Delmer Kruse</b>    |
| <b>Dottie Pinter</b>  | <b>Don Signor</b>         | <b>Gary Dick</b>       |
| <b>Allen Corzine</b>  | <b>Gen Cater</b>          | <b>Joe Zima</b>        |
| <b>Mary Shaw</b>      | <b>Donna Hass</b>         | <b>Debera Owen</b>     |
| <b>Ernie Gerhardt</b> | <b>Darlene Miller</b>     | <b>Delane Brunken</b>  |
| <b>Joan Reynolds</b>  | <b>Pastor Norb Wodtke</b> | <b>John Barrett</b>    |
| <b>Rudy Reynolds</b>  | <b>Norma Williams</b>     |                        |

If you or an immediate family member are entering the hospital, call the church office at 785-272-4214 so a staff member may pray with you. If submitting a prayer request for someone else, please get their permission.

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### Church office:

Mon-Fri: 8:00am - 4:30pm  
[closed over lunch 12-1pm]

### Nursery | Quiet Room

A staffed nursery for young children to play in a secure environment is in Rm 201.  
A quiet room for babies who need rocking, is in the room off the lobby.

### Visual | Hearing Assistance

Hearing headsets, large-print bulletins and newsletters are available.  
Please ask an usher for assistance



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