

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Cleveland; Carolyn Wilkins; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Cindy; Aiden Snyder; Mason Salomon; Schumann family

THE YOUTH GROUP meets tonight, beginning with supper at 6:00pm.

MARCH FOR LIFE: this coming Saturday, January 29, at 12:00pm, join with fellow pro-lifers in Fort Wayne as we march in support of everyone's God-given right to life! More details on the Back Page.

MEN'S GROUP: our Men's Group will meet at 8:00am on Saturday, February 12. We'll have breakfast, a short bible study, and time for fellowship. Join us!

WOMEN'S GROUP: a few ladies have expressed interest in taking the lead on this. Look for more info to come soon!

NEW STUDY & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES begin and continue this week! Join us for Greek (Tue. 8:30am); the Psalms (Tue. 3:00pm); Matins (Wed. 8:30am); the Book of Concord (Wed. 9:00am); and Galatians (Thu. 7:00pm)!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at Faith on Thursday, Feb. 3, from 1-6pm.

CALENDAR

Sun. Jan. 23 (Epiphany 3)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group
Tue. Jan. 25	8:30am Greek Study 3:00pm Bible Study (Psalms)
Wed. Jan. 26	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Jan. 27	7:00pm Bible Study (Galatians)
Sat. Jan. 29	12:00pm March for Life (FW)
Sun. Jan. 30 (Epiphany 4)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation

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This past week has been designated “Life Week 2022.” Yesterday, January 22, was Sanctity of Human Life Day, and many churches and church bodies recognize today as “Life Sunday” or “Sanctity of Life Sunday.” While most churches don’t have a worship service that is entirely focused on life issues or the celebration of human life, many of them will, like us, include extra prayers for the unborn, the infirm, and the elderly, and make available information about life issues, local life marches, and so on. As Christians, of course, we are always pro-life, regardless of time or season, but it is good to have a day or week to consider it more closely.

So what are “Life Week” and “Life Sunday” really all about? When we say “life issues,” we are speaking about a broad range of topics. There are two “big ones,” namely, abortion and euthanasia, but many other related issues are also in view. Adoption, bioethics, contraception, marriage and family, and end-of-life decisions are all part of being pro-life Christians. These topics are way too big to discuss here, of course, but I thought I’d outline a few resources and upcoming events if you’re interested in getting more involved:

First, check out Lutherans for Life, a national non-profit devoted to equipping Lutherans to be voices for life and influencing others in society to also stand firm on these life issues: lutheransforlife.org

There is also a regional non-profit, Right to Life of Northeast Indiana (formerly called Allen County Right to Life), which offers many similar resources at the local level: ichooselife.org

If you’re not sure where to begin, check out their websites and poke around a little. There are lots of resources and opportunities for individuals and congregations. See something you’d like to get our church involved in? Let me know!

Finally, I’ll be attending the March for Life in Fort Wayne on Saturday, January 29, which begins at 12:00pm at the St. Francis Performing Arts Center, 431 W Berry St, Fort Wayne. I’m hoping to carry our church banner in the parade. I’d love to have you join me! Call or text me if you’ve got questions about participating. Blessings!