

# Faith Family News

Faith Lutheran Church

November 2015

## OUR MISSION ...

To make disciples for  
Jesus Christ we

### GATHER

in faith for worship,  
prayer, study, and  
fellowship

### EQUIP

the people of God with a  
faith that works in real life

### SERVE

the world in the name of  
Jesus Christ.

Turn around and believe  
that the good news that we are loved  
is better than we ever dared hope,  
and that to believe in that good news,  
to live out of it and toward it,  
to be in love with that good news,  
is of all glad things in this world  
the gladdest thing of all.

Amen, and come Lord Jesus.

– Frederick Buechner



In just a few short weeks, we will  
again experience the beginning of the  
new - a new church year. And, with  
that turn of the year, Advent will be upon  
us.

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I love living the spirit of Advent, a spirit of anticipatory waiting. In a culture where waiting is something we want to discard, eliminate from our experience and replace with fast, immediate service of every kind, **waiting is a practice to be practiced.**

A sense of great joy can be found when one waits, especially when one waits with great anticipation and eagerness for someone who deeply loves us, for someone whom we deeply love. One of my seminary professors once likened this aspect of Advent to "sitting at the airport waiting for your loved one to arrive." I understand that metaphor, having spent four years away at seminary. Every time I waited for my husband to come for a visit, or waited to travel to meet him, I knew what it meant to wait with such anticipation. I knew in a very experiential and tangible way what it means to be "at the airport waiting for your loved one to arrive."

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# Worship Schedule

## November 2015

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**10:00 a.m.**

### ACOLYTES

November 1	Alyssa Magyar
November 8	Virginia Heft
November 15	Molly Hereza
November 22	Sami Ransom
November 29	Brielle Bowers

### ALTAR CARE

Brenda Kopf and Melinda Schultz

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

The communion assistants each Sunday are the Acolyte, Lay Assistant, and the Reader (unless otherwise noted).

### GREETERS

November 1	Marla Holle
November 8	Dingledine family
November 15	Corey O'Brien
November 22	Mark and Molly DeHate
November 29	Ken and Ellen Milne

### LAY ASSISTANTS

November 1	Walter Kopf
November 8	Ken Schoepf
November 15	Doug Hirt
November 22	Jim Crum
November 25	Diane Wilke
November 29	John McPhail

### READERS

November 1	Melinda Schultz
November 8	Warren Heilman
November 15	Linda Hirt
November 22	Jeff Rosenthal
November 25	Diane Wilke
November 29	Heidi Nussdorfer

### USHERS

Dick and Sally Knoll

### NURSERY

November 1	Corey and Kim O'Brien
November 8	Melinda and Lauren Schultz
November 15	Beth Ballegeer
November 22	Mark and Jody Marquardt
November 29	Drew and Pam Williams

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### Mission Partner Congregation

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lansing

### 2015 PARISH OFFICERS

President	Linda Hirt
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	Jack Dingledine
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Evangelism/Outreach	Carol Towl
Human Resources	Lee Gerard
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Mutual Ministry	John McPhail
Parish Education	
	Heidi Bowers and Nina Schrote
Property	Mark Marquardt
Stewardship	Mary Ann Scheuerman
Worship & Music	Diane Wilke
Youth	

## Schedule of Recurring Events

### SUNDAYS

Every	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School (Sep-May)
Every	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP
1 <sup>st</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Worship Committee meeting (Jan-Jun, Aug [last Sun.] and Oct-Dec)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Parish Education Committee meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:00 p.m.	Worship service at The Willows at Okemos
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Mutual Ministry Committee Listening Post
Last	11:30 a.m.	Social Justice Group

### MONDAYS

3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting Monthly Newsletter deadline
4 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 p.m.	Women's study group

### TUESDAYS

Every		Worship folder announcements deadline
Every	12:00 p.m.	Lunch lectionary study group
2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Pub lectionary study (Okemos Buddies)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism/Outreach Committee
4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Pub lectionary study (Okemos Buddies)

### WEDNESDAYS

Every	7:30 a.m.	Men's lectionary study group
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting and LSSM ACTION
3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Sixty Plus/Minus

### September to May

Every	5:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise Choir
	6:00 p.m.	Trinity and Confirmation
	6:30 p.m.	Faith Bells
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

### THURSDAYS

2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30 a.m.	Caregiver Support Group
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry Committee

## Prayers for Health and Healing

† Members of the congregation: Max Ambts, Lowell Barricklow, Dale and Mavis Halvorson, Susan Heft, Bob Marklewitz, Ellen Milne, and Harry Nawrock.

† Friends and family: Chris Cotter, Dick and Lil Jennings, Ginny Schultz, Annaliese, Heather, Bill, Al, and Ron.

## Prayers of Intercession

† Our mission partner congregation: Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church

† Those in military service: John Schoepf, Adam and Melody Wright, and Lani Yearicks.

† Lutheran Social Services of Michigan children who seek adoption: Sean, Ciera, Jacob, and Ciana

*Please contact the church office at [faith@faithlutheranokmeos.org](mailto:faith@faithlutheranokmeos.org) or 349-0620 to update the prayer list.*

The website for **Prayer Ventures** is <http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/Prayer-Ventures> *Prayer Ventures is a guide to daily prayer for the ministries of the church produced by ELCA Communication Services on behalf of the whole church.*

*You can download Prayer Ventures from the Web or **copies are available at church on the table near the elevator.***

# *The Faith Family*

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Beginning on Sunday, November 29, we will again wait as Advent begins. We will wait for the author of love, the one who comes to teach us how to love, the one who comes bearing and living love - our Lord Jesus Christ. We will take time to turn around, to turn toward God, to turn and let the go of all that keeps us from love. We will take the time to turn and wait with great anticipation for the one who will again come proclaiming the Good News that we are deeply, unconditionally, and graciously loved! That is indeed the Good News of the season and the Good News of our lives.

I pray that as we wait during this coming Advent season, you will fall in love with the Good News!

In Christ, Pastor Ellen

## **November Stewardship Focus: ELCA Good Gifts**

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world - together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts go beyond your regular congregational offering to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. Together, we can do more than we ever could alone, making a huge collective impact on the needs of our church and the world.

The Stewardship Committee will be sharing ELCA Good Gifts information with you throughout the month of November. As the holidays draw near, be watching for opportunities through which you can make a gift that will impact others in various parts of the world.



### **Faith Event Highlights for November**

Monday	November 16	7:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting December/January newsletter deadline
Wednesday	November 25	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	THANKSGIVING WORSHIP Pie Fest
Thursday	November 26		Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed
Friday	November 27		Church Office Closed

See the calendar in the newsletter or online at [www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org) for all the events!

## **Sixty Plus or Minus November Program**

**November 18, 2015 – 11:30 a.m.**

An outpatient physical therapy program for the community will be the center of the program for 60+/- on Wednesday, November 18 at 11:30 a.m. This program is newly offered at the Dobie Road Rehabilitation Center. Aaron Cole, MA, CC, SLP and a physical therapist from the center will bring practical insight into the areas of increasing independence at home, prevention of falls, and information about conserving energy.

This is a new, innovative program, close to this area, and with outcomes that will increase well being and energy levels! Following their PowerPoint presentation, the presenters will be pleased to answer your questions regarding your present exercise routine, the best exercises to keep mobility at a high level, and those pertaining to individual needs.

A salad or dessert, your choice, will make lunch. As usual, this is an opportunity to greet and eat with your Faith Friends. Please sign the list on the narthex counter before Sunday, November 15, to say "Absolutely, I'll be there!"



**Food  
Drive**

## **Stuff the Stockings Food Drive**

The Faith Lutheran Caring Committee was asked by the Meridian Township Human Services Director if we could provide support to families during the Christmas/Winter school break. There is a need for food items during this two week break from school because children are at home during this time and do not get their breakfasts and/or lunches at school.

Please look for the grocery cart to appear in the narthex and be ready to fill it with the following food items:

Peanut butter	Jelly
Snack bars	Pop Tarts
Muffin mix	Pancake mix
Syrup	Canned fruits
Boxed cereals	Oatmeal
Macaroni & cheese	Soup
Boxed crackers	Rice
Pasta	Spaghetti sauce
Boxed meals (e.g. Hamburger Helper)	

With your cash donations we will purchase one dozen eggs, one gallon of milk, and a loaf of bread to be included with the food donations.

Thank you, Faith Family, for helping those in the community that have a need. Food collection for this project will begin in November and our delivery date will be Sunday, December 20.

Thank you,  
– Faith Caring Committee

# Parish Education News

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## Halloween Candy Needed

Parish Education is in need of individually wrapped fun sized packages of Milk Chocolate M&M's. These will be used for gifts to the children at Christmas time.

When you are out shopping after Halloween check to see if there are discounts available. Thank you for your support.



## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox



Collections for our annual Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox drive will continue through November 15. On that Sunday we will have the boxes blessed during the church service. If you are available to help deliver the shoeboxes the week of November 16-20 in Haslett, please let Melinda Schultz know at [mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net).

## Fall Mission Projects

**Fleece Blankets** – We will be making hand-tied fleece blankets with the classes to donate to needy families in November. If you have fleece material that you can donate to the cause, we would greatly appreciate your help. Please drop it off in the Parish Ed office. Thanks!

**Blessings Bags** – The Youth are collecting money and will then be making the Blessing Bags. They will be available in the Church Office for people to give out to any homeless individuals that they may encounter during their daily travels.

## Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

Starting in November, we will be holding rehearsals during Trinity/Confirmation evenings with the 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades. We will be running the songs in November during the first 15 minutes of class time with Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In December, we will practice during Sunday School on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, we will have a dress rehearsal for everyone after church on December 6. We will feed the children and then rehearse. The pageant is Sunday, December 13, during the service. Hope to see everyone's family for our celebration of the birth of Jesus!

## Thrivent Action Teams Needed

Please apply to help your youth group in a one-time fundraiser, service activity, or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Here are some suggestions for your Thrivent Action Teams: Fall Mission Project, Shrove Pancake Supper, and Faith Vacation Bible School – to name a few. Use this link to get started: <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/> Please see Melinda to get specific details or if you have any questions.

### Important Dates in November

- 1 Confirmation Review, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Bring lunch.
- 4 Pageant Rehearsal starts during T&C
- 6 Confirmation Lock-In, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- 14 Youth Group - Spare Time, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 15 Youth Sunday, No Calorie Bake Sale
- 20-22 Women's Retreat
- 22 Confirmation Review, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

# November Special Days

NOVEMBER	MARRIAGE	BAPTISM	BIRTHDAY
1		KOPF, KATY	
2			
3			
4			
5			FASSEZKE, SHELLEY FORD, MARTHA
6		SANDEL, KRISTIN	
7			MILNE, KEN
8			
9			
10		HEFT, VIRGINIA ROSE	
11			
12		WHITMYER, KEN	
13			
14			RANSOM, GRIFFIN
15		SMITH, SHEILA	SOULLENBERGER, HAROLD
16			
17			
18			CRUM, JIM
19			
20			HEILMAN, LAUREN
21			
22			
23		HAREMSKI, CARTER NELSON, CLAIRE LEWIS, JEAN	SHORMAN, ROBERT SCHULTZ, MELINDA
24		MAGYAR, ALYSSA	NEVES, DARRELL
25	KNOLL, DICK & SALLY	KADROFSKE, SAM COTTER, KELLI STEINKE, ABIGAIL	
26	KOPF, WALTER & BRENDA	GOULD, LILY GOULD, TESSA	
27			
28		DINGLEDINE, ADELLE	WILKE, DIANE
29			
30			BARRICKLOW, GAIL
		<b>DATE UNKNOWN</b> JOHNSON, PAULA	

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**November 2015**



**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
**Wednesday, November 25, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Followed by Pie Fest!**



# November 2015 Faith Lutheran Church Monthly Planner

Go to [faithlutheranokemos.org](http://faithlutheranokemos.org) for current calendar updates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> All Saints' Day Daylight Saving Time ends November Stewardship focus: ELCA Good Gifts Pledge Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Study Group: The Bible Makes Sense 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM Confirmation review 11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Climate Change 11:30 AM Worship Committee meeting	<b>2</b> December/January newsletter deadline 7:00 PM Church Council meeting	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM Lunch lectionary study group 6:30 PM Pub lectionary study group 7:00 PM 60th Anniversary Committee meeting	<b>4</b> 7:30 AM Men's lectionary study 9:30 AM Quilting and LSSM ACTION 5:30 PM Joyful Noise Choir 6:00 PM Trinity and Confirmation 6:30 PM Faith Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 12:00 AM Caregiver's Support Group	<b>6</b> 6:00 PM Confirmation Retreat lock-in begins	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Confirmation Retreat lock-in ends
<b>8</b> Pentecost 24 9:00 AM Adult Study Group: The Bible Makes Sense 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Climate Change 11:30 AM Parish Education Committee meeting 3:00 PM Willows at Okemos worship	<b>9</b> 12:00 PM Lunch lectionary study group 6:30 PM Pub lectionary study group 7:00 PM 60th Anniversary Committee meeting	<b>10</b> 12:00 PM Lunch lectionary study group 6:30 PM Pub lectionary study group 7:00 PM 60th Anniversary Committee meeting	<b>11</b> 7:30 AM Men's lectionary study 9:30 AM Quilting and LSSM ACTION 2:45 PM Executive Committee meeting 5:30 PM Joyful Noise Choir 6:00 PM Trinity and Confirmation 6:30 PM Faith Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 11:30 AM Caregiver's Support Group	<b>13</b> 6:00 PM Youth Group at Spare Time	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM Youth Group at Spare Time
<b>15</b> Hospitality Temple Talk Operation Christmas Child shoebox blessing Pentecost 25 Youth Group No-Cal fundraiser Youth Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Study Group: The Bible Makes Sense 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Climate Change 11:30 AM Mutual Ministry Listening Post 6:00 PM Leaves and Fishes Ministries	<b>16</b> December/January newsletter deadline 7:00 PM Church Council meeting	<b>17</b> 12:00 PM Lunch lectionary study group 6:30 PM Evangelism/Outreach Committee meeting 7:30 PM 60th Anniversary Committee meeting	<b>18</b> 7:30 AM Men's lectionary study 9:00 AM Music planning 9:30 AM Quilting and LSSM ACTION 11:00 AM Staff meeting 11:30 AM Sixty Plus/Minus 5:30 PM Joyful Noise Choir 6:00 PM Trinity and Confirmation 6:30 PM Faith Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Mutual Ministry Committee meeting 7:00 PM Forum Planning Committee meeting	<b>20</b> 6:00 PM Women's South Haven Retreat begins	<b>21</b> Women's Retreat
<b>22</b> Christ the King 9:00 AM Adult Study Group: The Bible Makes Sense 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Women's Retreat ends 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM Lunch and Learn: Climate Change 1:00 PM Confirmation Review 4:00 PM Burcham Hills worship	<b>23</b> 2:00 PM Women's Study group	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM Unity Service planning meeting 12:00 PM Lunch lectionary study group 6:30 PM Pub lectionary study group 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>25</b> 7:30 AM Men's lectionary study 9:30 AM Quilting and LSSM ACTION 7:00 PM THANKSGIVING WORSHIP 7:45 PM Pie Fest	<b>26</b> Church office closed Thanksgiving Day	<b>27</b> Church office closed	<b>28</b> Church office closed
<b>29</b> Advent 1 World Hunger offering 9:00 AM Adult Study Group: The Bible Makes Sense 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM Social Justice Group gathering	<b>30</b> December stewardship focus: Stewardship of self 12:00 PM Lunch lectionary study group	<b>1</b> December stewardship focus: Stewardship of self 12:00 PM Lunch lectionary study group	<b>2</b> 7:30 AM Men's lectionary study 9:30 AM Quilting and LSSM ACTION 5:30 PM Joyful Noise Choir 6:00 PM Trinity and Confirmation 6:30 PM Faith Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>3</b> 7:30 AM Men's lectionary study 9:30 AM Quilting and LSSM ACTION 5:30 PM Joyful Noise Choir 6:00 PM Trinity and Confirmation 6:30 PM Faith Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	<b>4</b> 5:00 PM Santa's Little Helpers	<b>5</b> 5:00 PM Santa's Little Helpers

Report all meetings and events to the church office at 349-0620 or email [faith@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:faith@faithlutheranokemos.org)