

# Faith Family News

Faith Lutheran Church

April 2016

## 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.



We have just celebrated the festival of Easter and we are now living in the season of Easter. Easter is **the** pinnacle Sunday in the church year, and it is a time that is all about newness - new beginnings and new life. Throughout the history of the church, Easter has been a time when **baptism** is not only remembered but also celebrated. New brothers and sisters in Christ have often been baptized on that festival day.

For Christians, baptism is all about our identity and vocation. Baptism is something God does in our lives, it is an experience that is life-giving as God bathes us in unending mercy, grace, and unconditional love. Baptism is about God's on-going action in our lives through water and Word. Baptism gives us a new identity as we learn God loves us unconditionally, accepts us as we are and makes us God's very own. Baptism is about living into this new baptismal identity and it is an experience that shapes our vocation as Christians.

Baptism and our Christian vocation are inextricably linked together. One cannot exist without the other. We have been changed and this new vocation and commitment call us to work for justice and peace in our communities, in our country, and around the globe. Through baptism God calls us to live **God's** justice and love in the world and proclaim the coming reign of God.

Our Christian/baptismal vocation is something I hope we can give more attention to throughout these next few months and into next year. This past February, our church council held a retreat. During that retreat time we did some strategic mapping as we looked at the many ways through

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# Worship Schedule

## April 2016

10:00 a.m.

### ACOLYTES

April 3  
April 10  
April 17 Alexis Hereza  
April 24

### ALTAR CARE

Peggy Crum and Gwynne Kadrofske

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

The communion assistants are the assigned acolyte, lay assistant, and reader of the day.

### GREETERS

April 3 Mark and Molly DeHate  
April 10 Dick and Sally Knoll  
April 17 Ken and Karen Whitmyer  
April 24 Doug and Linda Hirt

### LAY ASSISTANTS

April 3 John McPhail  
April 10 Harold Sollenberger  
April 17 Jim Crum  
April 24 Doug Hirt

### READERS

April 3 Linda Hirt  
April 10 David Baker  
April 17 Brendan Guenther  
April 24 Jim Johnson

### USHERS

Walter and Brenda Kopf

### NURSERY

April 3 Corey and Kim O'Brien  
April 10 Melinda and Lauren Schultz  
April 17 Beth Ballegeer  
April 24 Mark and Jody Marquardt

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Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lansing

### 2016 PARISH OFFICERS

President	Jim Crum
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Secretary	Molly DeHate
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Financial Secretary	Tom Schrote
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Youth Member	Dane Webb
Past President	Linda Hirt

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Caring	Ann Mayer
Evangelism/Outreach	Carol Towl
Human Resources	Lee Gerard
Long Range Plan.	John McCracken
Media/Technology	Mark DeHate
Membership Development	Jean Lewis and Michelle Ransom
Mission Endow.	Brendan Guenther
Mutual Ministry	Connie Nelson
Parish Education	Heidi Bowers and Nina Schrote
Property	Mark Marquardt
Stewardship	Mary Ann Scheuerman
Worship & Music	Diane Hill

# *The Faith Family/Prayers*

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which we might continue to live into our baptismal vocation as a community of Faith. We established some goals and we look forward to having further conversation with all of you as we work to implement those goals. We will be sharing some of this information with you at the April 24 Quarterly Meeting.

I pray your Easter season will continue to be one of great blessing. And, I pray each of you will discover the joy of growing and living more deeply into your baptismal vocation and identity as we travel together in this life of Faith.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ellen

## **Sixty Plus or Minus** **Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – 11:30 a.m.**

The April meeting of Sixty Plus or Minus will be a potluck and a program in the lower fellowship hall on April 20. You don't have to be even close to 60 years of age to join us for our tasty potluck lunch followed by an interesting program presented by Jim Mulvaney of Mason. His specialty is historic barns, their architecture, their role in our agricultural economy, and efforts to preserve them. He uses a PowerPoint presentation with illustrative pictures to share his experience and knowledge of barns in our area and throughout Michigan.

Don't miss this opportunity for learning about this slice of history while enjoying fellowship with your friends! Our familiar clipboard will be on the Faith @ Work board in the narthex each Sunday morning for you to sign-up!

## **Prayers for Health and Healing**

- † Members of the congregation: Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow, Dale Halvorson, Susan Heft, Ellen Milne, and Harry Nawrock
- † Friends and family: Pat Belonga; Chris Cotter; Tim Drummond; Dick and Lil Jennings; Christine, Izzy and Danny Loewen; Larry Hinds and family; Annaliese, Heather, Bill, and Al.

## **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: Tyquan, Nathaniel, Decota, and Austin.

*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.*

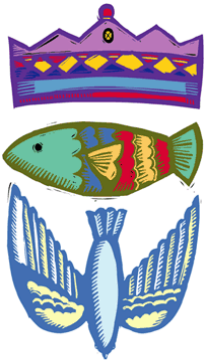
*You can download Prayer Ventures from the Web or **copies are available at church on the information table by the elevator.***

# The Faith Family

## Official Act

### Baptism

March 6, 2016  
Audrey Nicole  
Hartwick



**ONE LORD**  
**ONE FAITH**  
**ONE BAPTISM**

## Thrivent Action Teams

Think about an unmet need in your church or community and how you could help. Apply to help your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity, or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including a promotional banner, invitations and thank-you cards, Thrivent Action team t-shirts, and a \$250 community impact card you can use as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials.

How often am I eligible? All Thrivent members are eligible to help a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can help per year depends on his or her membership type. Benefit members are eligible to help two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and associate members are eligible to help one per calendar year (maximum of three).

Here are some current needs for your Thrivent Action Teams: Blessing Bags, Bingo Night, and Faith Vacation Bible School. Visit this site to get started:

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>

### Faith Event Highlights for April

Sunday	April 3	11:30 a.m.	Social Justice Group event with Angela Waters-Austin, One Love Global founder, president, and CEO.
Saturday	April 16	9:00 a.m.	Understanding Islam event—a day of conversation with North/West Lower Michigan Synod Bishop Craig Satterlee and Dr. Mark Swanson, ELCA pastor who teaches in the area of Christian-Muslim studies at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.
Monday	April 18	7:00 p.m.	Church Council meeting with committee chairs May newsletter deadline
Sunday	April 24	10:00 a.m.	Chancel Choir presentation of Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass." Gospel Mass is a multi-movement setting of the mass written in gospel and jazz styles with Bruce Williams on piano, Jerry Krause on bass guitar, and Ian Levine on drums.
		11:30 a.m.	Quarterly congregational meeting
Saturday	April 30	10:00 a.m.	Homeless Angels Project work day

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

## **Chancel Choir Presents: *Gospel Mass***

The Chancel Choir will present Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass* during worship on April 24. This multi-movement setting of the mass is written in gospel and jazz styles, and will be presented with Bruce Williams on piano, Jerry Krause on bass guitar, and Ian Levine playing drums. The Chancel Choir has been rehearsing the *Gospel Mass* for the past couple of months, and looks forward to sharing their music and message with the congregation on April 24!

From an article in the Houston Chronicle, published in 2009:

Thirty years ago, Robert Ray sat down to write *Gospel Mass*, an experimental work, for a one-time performance. To his surprise, the piece caught on and became a seminal work of African-American music, performed by choirs and churches all over the world. There's no doubt in Ray's mind that God played a role in the writing of his now famous Mass, which sets the words from the Catholic Mass to the rhythm and harmony of African-American music.

"God controls everything I do," said Ray, a composer, conductor, and music educator. "It was written in about a two-week period. The hard part for me was not being a formally trained composer. The creativity was a result of divine inspiration. He was working with me." But it was also, he agrees, the right time and place. The Black Power movement was pushing cultural pride and identity, Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of inclusion still felt fresh, and white audiences were eager to embrace gospel music. And while the joyful toe-tapping mass reflects King's life and message, changes in the Roman Catholic Church also played a role.

The *Gospel Mass*, Ray explains, is a direct result of the Second Vatican Council in the mid-'60s and its decision to hold Masses in the language of the host country rather than in traditional Latin. The piece, he believes, struck an ecumenical chord that "allowed people of all denominations or faith to embrace the style."

## **Stewardship Focus for April LSSM OASIS House**

The OASIS program is a residential home designed to meet the needs of teen boys being referred for the refugee foster care program. This program accepts nine unaccompanied alien youth and three unaccompanied alien minors, for a total of 12 children. Comprehensive case management, medical, dental, educational, and independent living skill development support are provided to youth who are part of this program and live in OASIS House. OASIS has house parents who reside in the home with the youth and provide a family setting with parental love and guidance.

One of the house parents, Richard Hand, will be coming to speak with us during a Social Justice gathering following worship on Sunday, April 17. To help provide for the residents of OASIS House, we will be collecting the following items throughout the month of April: shower curtains, twin bed sheet sets, household items, blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, and all kinds of toiletries. A collection basket will be placed in the entry way at church for all donated items.

## Children of Aleppo

On Friday evening, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. we will be gathering at church for a showing of the PBS documentary *Children of Aleppo*. Pastor Kenneth Fouty from LSSM will be joining us to have a conversation following the movie. Please plan to join us for this event. Here is some information about the movie:

Five-year-old Sara dreams nearly every night that she is slowly surrounded by snipers who then open fire, shooting her again and again until she finally dies. Her older sister Farah, just 8 years old, can calmly tell the difference between a rocket and a tank shell, based solely on the sound it makes when fired close to her home.

The sisters - featured in a documentary called *Children of Aleppo*, live in a rebel-controlled part of the ancient Syrian city that is under near-constant siege from dictator Bashar al-Assad's regime. More than 10,000 children have died in Syria's bloody civil war when this documentary was made. That was when the war was stretching into its third year and, at that time, another million have been driven from the country as refugees. The war has now gone on for five years.

Assad is fighting both moderate rebels who want to set up a democratic society and al-Qaida linked terror groups who have co-opted the revolution from the original rebels. The first segment in the two-part *Frontline* documentary, called "Syria's Second Front," focuses on how the jihadis have taken over much of the north of the country, terrorizing civilians.

Photojournalist Marcel Mettelsiefen, who's traveled to the front lines of the country more than 20 times since the conflict began in 2011, filmed Farah and Sara and their family

for three days, as a way to spotlight the plight of children there.

The children live in a once middle-class suburb that now is bombed out and barren, filled with piles of shrapnel and abandoned homes. Their father, Abu Ali, commands a regiment of 300 rebel fighters who are working to topple the Assad regime. When this documentary was filmed, the family lived just two blocks away from the regime-controlled part of the city, and are thus at the front lines of the fight. The children's mother, Hala, said she at first gave her children cough syrup so they would sleep through the constant shelling. Then she told them the bombs were fireworks. Finally, she just told them the truth.

Now, her four children - Sara, Farah, 13-year-old Helen, and 14-year-old Mohammed - are used to beating a hasty retreat inside their apartment when the shelling sounds get louder or their father tells them to. They even help their father make bombs.

"When they threw a missile on that house over there, I died a big death," 5-year-old Sara tells Mettelsiefen. "I died and then lived again."

The sound of a rocket launch interrupts her sister Farah describing what it was like to

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see the corpse of a fighter in the street by her house. "That was close by," Farah says, fear in her eyes. "It didn't explode. It didn't explode. That was a rocket. No, a tank shell. But it didn't explode."

Their older brother Mohammed tells the filmmaker that he doesn't have "any feelings left anymore."

"Children are children in every environment," Mettelsiefen said. "They have a tremendous way to adapt and cope."

But it was easy for him to see that these four children were being changed forever by the war raging around them.

"You could tell by the things they say, the dreams they have," he said. "I think the real effect and outcome of this trauma will be seen in a couple of years."

The children seem to have more hope than their parents that the conflict will end one day. In one poignant scene, the sisters sweep and clean a besieged and abandoned home, in case peace is ever restored and the occupants return.

It's been difficult and extremely dangerous for journalists to travel to the country and report on the conflict. At the time of this filming, The Committee to Protect Journalists estimated that 30 journalists were currently missing in Syria, many believed to be kidnapped by al Qaida-linked rebel groups.

Mettelsiefen was only able to film the girls for three days in September, before it became too dangerous for him to stay. One of the subjects he was filming - the older brother of a young rebel activist - was kidnapped by terrorists just days after Mettelsiefen was with him.

The filmmaker described the family at the heart of the documentary as "tremendously liberal." They named their three daughters Farah, Sara, and Helen to represent Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. The jihadis in the country, who have co-opted the largely secular and democratic uprising against Assad, have stolen the attention away from the moderates, he says. He wanted to correct that in a small way by telling this family's story.

"This revolution is not a revolution anymore; it's a civil war," Mettelsiefen said. "The ones who are suffering most are civilians."

### **Race Relations in the Greater Lansing Area Social Justice Gathering with Angela Waters Austin**

On Sunday, April 3, Angela Waters Austin will be joining us following worship. Angela is the founder, president, and chief executive officer of One Love Global, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation committed to peace, justice, and opportunity. Angela has over 20 years of experience in promoting racial equity, public and community relations, fund development marketing, special events, corporate sponsorships, program design, and management. Angela is also very involved in the Black Lives Matter movement as well as the work of My Brother's Keeper. Please join us following worship to hear what Angela has to say about race relations in the greater Lansing area.

## **Homeless Angels Project**

We will be participating in the Homeless Angels Project. Homeless Angels is a street-based outreach program in Lansing. Their mission is to rebuild and restore faith in humanity through innovative ideas, programs, and events with the main goal of involving the community in real change for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. We will be adopting one of the hotel rooms at the Magnuson Hotel and fixing it up so it will be available for homeless families.

We are beginning to work to raise \$250 to help with this project as we adopt a room and fix it up. We hope to get another \$250 from Thrivent to be used in this endeavor.

**On Sunday, April 24, we will be taking a noisy offering** for the Homeless Angels Project. Then, we are also planning a work day for **Saturday, April 30, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**

We hope we will be able to get our adopted room ready for occupants. If you can join us, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

## **Faith Lutheran Church *Green Team***

All faith traditions encourage us to care for the earth. As a Faith community, we work on becoming good stewards of creation. In that effort, we are forming a “Green Team.” This team will explore and work to deepen our connections between faith and sustainability. We will look at ways in which we can promote sustainability, work to implement energy efficiency, and provide educational experiences for members and the greater community. Pastor John Schleicher is on the board of directors for Michigan Interfaith Power & Light. He will be the coach for our team. If you are interested in being part of our “Green Team,” please speak to Pastor Ellen.

## **So Long, But Not So Long (A Note From the Editor)**

As I’m sure many of you have heard, this is my final edition as the editor of *Faith Family News*. This edition marks the completion of serving 14 years as the editor, or 140 editions. It truly has been my pleasure to serve as the editor and to keep the newsletter going month after month over the years and changes in our church. During my time as editor, I’ve worked with three full-time pastors, two interim pastors, and various Christian Ed and Music directors. It is heart-warming to know that I’ve helped maintain a constant source of communication for our congregation in the midst of change over the years.

While a lot has changed over the 14 years, two main things have not. One is the faithful service and dedication of my newsletter partner, Rita Barry. She made sure I had what I needed and was patient with me as I worked to get the final copy to her (and as she’ll say, I was patient with her). I am very grateful that I’ve been able to work with Rita. The other is our congregation’s dedication to living out the Word of God in our community. While I would chuckle as I would see the same articles come through every year like clockwork, it showed that through good and rough times, we share God’s love with our community.

While I’m stepping down as newsletter editor, I’m not leaving Faith at all, I’ll still be around, reading, being the lay assistant, ringing bells, and who knows what else I may start doing, it is just time for change.

Starting with the May edition of *Faith Family News* I’m pleased to say that Taylor Belonga will be the newsletter editor. Taylor has been a Faith member for 14 years and is attending Lansing Community College studying graphic computer design.

Once again, it has been my pleasure to serve as your newsletter editor for the past 14 years and I now turn over the reins to Taylor.

– Rich Weingartner



## **High Seas Expedition - VBS 2016**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be from August 1 - 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and is entitled "High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God." We have several volunteer opportunities still available for this very entertaining and inspiring week. Also, as with last year, we are unable to borrow decorations as we have done before, so we are going to be making them ourselves! Please join Parish Education as we create all of our scenery and all of our Bible Buddies, etc. A VBS Planning Meeting will be held on April 13 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. A VBS Decorations Event will be on April 20 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please let Melinda know.

## **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

There are several positions available for the 2016 - 2017 Sunday School year, so please consider helping. The curriculum is VERY easy and the children are great. If we have multiple teachers per grade, it allows for some flexibility on how often you have to teach. We also need a substitute list.

## **Sunday School Year Winding Down**

We are starting to wind down with this year's Sunday School program and gear up for all of the Spring and Summer activities! The following are upcoming important dates for our program:

April 3 & 10 - No Sunday School  
April 13 - VBS Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
April 17 - Compassion Sunday  
April 17 - Confirmation Review, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
April 20 - VBS Decorations, 6:30 p.m.  
April 24 - Last Confirmation Review, 4 - 7 p.m.  
April 27 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders come to Trinity, 6 - 8 p.m.  
April 29 - Confirmation Dinner Meeting/Rehearsal, 6 p.m.  
May 1 - Confirmation Sunday  
May 6 - Youth Fundraiser, TBD, sure to be a great time!  
May 15 - Youth Car Wash  
May 22 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and above go to Panera  
May 22 - Last Sunday School/Activities after church

## **Shrove Tuesday Dinner**

It was a wonderful turn-out, with many volunteers and kids showing us support. We raised \$517 towards our Youth program. Thank you so much for all of the donations, participation, and attendance!

## **Compassion Sunday**

Spring Compassion Sunday will be on April 17. We will give the congregation updates on the children we currently sponsor through the Sunday School collection and share information on how church members can become sponsors as well.

## **Swarming is Starting**

Don't despair...this is a fundraiser by the Youth Group that is replacing Flocking. We are currently trying to raise money for the Group Mission Trip to Hurricane, West Virginia and to support The Honeybee Conservancy, which is supporting the rebuilding of bee hives in the Midwest and nationally.

## **Mission Trip**

We will be heading to Hurricane, West Virginia from July 22 - 26 to assist people with their homes and any projects they need to help them with their quality of life. All fundraisers that the Youth participate in will benefit our Mission work.

## Faith Lutheran Church Monthly Planner

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day World Hunger offering <b>7:30 AM</b> EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP <b>8:45 AM</b> Easter breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP	<b>28</b> Annunciation of Our Lord (transferred) or Easter Monday Church office closed <b>2:00 PM</b> Women's study group	<b>29</b> Weekly worship folder announcements <b>12:00 PM</b> Lunch lectionary study group	<b>30</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting and LSSM ACTION <b>6:00 PM</b> Trinity and Confirmation fun night <b>7:15 PM</b> Gospel Mass rehearsal	<b>31</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Human Resources Committee meeting	<b>1</b> April Stewardship Emphasis: Lutheran Social Services of Michigan	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Easter 2 New Member Sunday No Sunday School Spring break <b>10:00 AM</b> WORSHIP <b>11:30 AM</b> Media and Technology Committee meeting <b>11:30 AM</b> Social Justice Group gathering: Angela Waters Austen	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Lunch lectionary study group	<b>6</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting and LSSM ACTION <b>6:15 PM</b> Faith Bells <b>7:15 PM</b> Gospel Mass rehearsal <b>8:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Easter 3 No Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> WORSHIP <b>11:30 AM</b> Worship Committee meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> The Willows at Okemos worship service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Lunch lectionary study group <b>6:30 PM</b> Pub lectionary study group at Okemos Buddies	<b>13</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting and LSSM ACTION <b>6:00 PM</b> Trinity and Confirmation <b>6:15 PM</b> Faith Bells <b>7:15 PM</b> Gospel Mass rehearsal <b>8:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Caregiver Support Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Understanding Islam
<b>17</b> Compassion Sunday Easter 4 <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> WORSHIP <b>11:30 AM</b> Listening Post in the library	<b>18</b> May newsletter deadline <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council meeting with committee chairs	<b>19</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Lunch lectionary study group <b>6:30 PM</b> Evangelism and Outreach Committee meeting	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Music planning <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting and LSSM ACTION <b>11:00 AM</b> Staff meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Trinity and Confirmation <b>6:15 PM</b> Faith Bells <b>7:30 PM</b> Gospel Mass rehearsal	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Mutual Ministry Committee meeting	<b>22</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Children of Aleppo Documentary Film	<b>23</b> <b>9-10:30</b> Gospel Mass dress rehearsal
<b>24</b> Easter 5 Gospel Mass during worship World Hunger offering <b>9:00 AM</b> Gospel Mass warm-up <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00 AM</b> WORSHIP <b>11:30 AM</b> Quarterly Congregational meeting	<b>25</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Women's study group	<b>26</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Lunch lectionary study group <b>6:30 PM</b> Pub lectionary study group at Okemos Buddies	<b>27</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting and LSSM ACTION <b>6:00 PM</b> Trinity and Confirmation	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Confirmation dinner	<b>30</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Homeless Angels Project work day

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

# April Special Days

APRIL	MARRIAGE	BAPTISM	BIRTHDAY
1			
2			
3		TOWL, CAROL	HAZEWINKEL, JOHN
4			MAISNER, MIKE
			RANSOM, MICHELLE
5	AVEN, WALTER & DORIS		
6		MAYER, DENNIS	HOLLE, MARLA
7			LEWIS, CHRIS
8			
9		HIRT, LOGAN	
		HIRT, LINDSEY	
10			MAGYAR, KATHRYN
11	KARTUB, ARNOLD & LINDA	RASMUSSEN, TOM	AMBS, MAX
		ESCHELBACH, MICHELLE	SCHULTZ, JEFF
			WEBB, MATT
			OESTERLE, JENNA
12			NUSSDORFER, KYLE
			SCHOEPF, KEN
13		FASSEZKE, OLIVIA	
14			
15			LUOMA, CHRISTOPHER
16		MONROE, VICKI	KOPF, BRENDA
17	BEADERSTADT, RICK & KRAMER, CECELIA	SHORMAN, PHYLLIS	AMBS, LEDITH
		KADROFSKE, OWEN	
18	RASMUSSEN, TOM & CHARLOTTE		
19		MAGYAR, SAMANTHA	HIRT, DOUG
		GUENTHER, ANJA	WILLIAMS, T.J.
		GUENTHER, EZEKIEL	
		GUENTHER, JONAS	
20			
21			
22		HAZEWINKEL, JOHN	BRINKMAN, WILLIAM
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