**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FaithFamily&Friends3

**July 17, 2016**

*Log onto Faith’s website www.faithlutheranokemos.org 24/7 for updates*

**DEADLINES**

Sunday worship folder announcements⎯Tuesday of each week

Submit to Katie at klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

**August *Faith Family News* newsletter⎯Tomorrow July 18**

Submit to Taylor Belonga tay3394@yahoo.com

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Please lift up in prayer this week:

🕆 Members—Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow, Ellen Milne and Harry Nawrock

🕆 Friends and family—

Pat Belonga, Chris Cotter, Tim Drummond, Dick and Lil Jennings,

Terrie Becker; Christine, Izzy and Danny Loewen; Allie, Heather, Al,

Lilly, Sai Eshwar Lingamgunta, Jenn Leitch, Jeanne and Leonard

🕆 Our mission partner congregation⎯Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church

🕆 Those in military service⎯Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks

and Melody and Adam Wright

🕆 Lutheran Social Services of Michigan children who seek adoption—

Aaron, Jeremiah, Sarah and David. Pray for each to be adopted and

for Jesus to be their lifelong friend.

**NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD PRAYER PARTNER**

As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include

Administrative Pastor Chrisy Bright and the congregation of Spruce Lutheran Church in your prayers of intercession this week.



**MEET KATIE LOVE, OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Katie was born in Bay City, Michigan and moved to Okemos at the age of six. She graduated from Okemos High School in 2000 and currently resides with her family in Okemos. She and her husband Gordon will

be celebrating 12 years of marriage at the end of the month. Gordon

and Katie have three children—Graham and Olivia are seven and will

be second graders at Bennett Woods in the fall; Sofie will be five in October, and she will be in begindergarten at Central Elementary.

Gordon and Katie owned the Wedding Bell Bridal Salon in Central Park Place in Okemos for 10 years. They deeply enjoyed being part of the business community and helping brides and their families prepare for their wedding day.

In her spare time, Katie loves spending time with family, being a part

of her children’s sporting events and being involved in the community. Katie’s family teaches a Sunday school for kids at the Homeless Angels Hotel once a week where they have loved getting to know the kids at

the hotel.

Fun fact: The wonderful Mrs. Borton was Katie’s elementary school music teacher. Katie still remembers the hula dance Mrs. Borton taught her class for the spaghetti dinner one year!

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by. . .

Vase 1 Rich Weingartner in memory of grandparents

Bob and Eleanor Weingartner

Vase 2 Martin and Kris Wright in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary and in celebration of Adam and Melody Wright’s

first wedding anniversary.

The additional flower arrangement is in celebration of Mark Marquardt’s parents Darwin and Joellyn Marquardt’s 45th wedding anniversary.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Weekly Offering 07/10/16 Year-to-date as of 05/31/2016

General Fund $4,355.00 Income $117,595.75

Loose cash 30.00 Expenses 121,324.34

Loose checks 55.00 Net Income $ (3,728.59)

Other 115.00

Total $4,555.00

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

TODAY Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

⇓ IMPORTANT ⇓

SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTO APPOINTMENT TODAY FOR

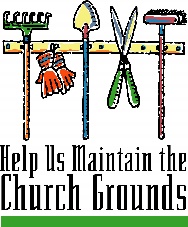
OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

11:30 a.m. Listening Post

Listening Post is an open session on the third Sunday of each month for anyone to bring their thoughts, issues or concerns to the Mutual Ministry Committee’s attention. All discussions are held in strict confidence.

11:30 a.m. Property Team Church Grounds Clean-up Day



Please join the Property Team to do some trimming and yard cleanup after worship today. If possible, bring a rake, shovel, hoe, pruners, trimmers, gloves, etc. The mulch is in pretty good shape, so we won’t be spreading any new mulch for now. We hope to be finished in well under two hours! Mark and Bob always appreciate the help!

Today cont’d

6:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes Ministries

Thank you Gretchen Bills and Elaine Harrison for being the Faith volunteers at Loaves and Fishes this evening.

The sign-up sheet for volunteering for a 6-10pm shift at Loaves and Fishes Ministries on the third Sunday is posted in the hallway across from the coat racks. Anyone who has questions about what this involves, please contact Tammy Heilman (339-1798) or Gretchen Bills (245-7844). Two people are needed to serve each month.

Monday, July 18 – Katie’s first day!

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

August newsletter deadline – Submit items to newsletter editor Taylor Belonga tay3394@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, June 19

Worship folder announcements deadline

12:00 p.m. Lunch lectionary study group in Pastor Ellen’s office

Wednesday, July 20

7:30 a.m. Men’s study group in the library

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

11:30 a.m. Sixty Plus and Minus lunch at Coral Gables Restaurant,

2838 East Grand River Avenue, East Lansing

5:00 p.m. Mandatory mission trip meeting for participants and

parents

6:00 p.m. Young adult BBQ book study at Pastor Ellen’s house

LOOKING AHEAD

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 24 – WORSHIP AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our 60th anniversary celebration continues. . .

Next Sunday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m., we will worship AT

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. University Lutheran

was the congregation that was instrumental in the

forming of Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos when

Faith began as a mission start congregation. This year, University

Lutheran Church celebrates its 75th anniversary as we celebrate our 60th. This service will be one of unity and celebration with a focus on creation. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket, a picnic lunch for you and your family

and join us as we worship under the trees on the north lawn at ULC, 1020 South Harrison Road, East Lansing. Drinks and an ice cream sundae bar

will be provided. Pastor John D. Schleicher will be preaching and presiding.

[](http://www.miipl.org/contact-us/)The offering received during this special worship service at University Lutheran Church will be designated for Michigan Interfaith Power & Light. MiPL’s mission

is to inspire and equip people of faith to exercise stewardship of and love for all creation. MiPL offers practical ways to

put faith into action by promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy and other

sustainable practices that lead to a

cleaner, healthier and more just world. Michigan IPL is part of national Interfaith Power & Light and was the fourth state to join. There are currently 40 state affiliates across the country. Pastor Schleicher serves on the MiPL board of directors.

How does this affect your regular Sunday offering to Faith Lutheran Church on July 24th? We suggest that you arrange to bring your offering to church with you on the Sunday before (July 17) or the Sunday after (July 31) we worship at ULC or mail it to or bring it to the church office at any time during the month. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility for this one unique Sunday.

JULY STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: CHRISTMAS IN JULY

On Sunday, July 31, we will be collecting quarters!

Our quarters will be given to the managers of

Cedar Creek Apartments on Okemos Road (the

apartments located near the Okemos Schools

administration building). This money will be provided

as a gift to apartment residents to cover the cost of their

laundry during the month of August. Some of the residents

face numerable challenges. This is one small way in which we can do a form of ministry that will make a difference in people’s lives, a marked difference in our neighbor’s lives. So, bring in the quarters so we can celebrate and live into the good news of Christmas, Christmas in July.

ANNOUNCING SPECIAL SUMMER CHOIR SUNDAY: JULY 31

Tenor/Bass Choir Sunday: July 31

Rehearse Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.

and then retire to Buddies for refreshments

Warm up Sunday, July 31, 9:00 a.m.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US FOR SINGING,

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!!

Save the date



**Sunday ~ July 31 11:00 a.m.**

**followed by catered lunch**

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Rita is retiring at the end of July, and she will be greatly missed. We want to celebrate her 19+ years of service to Faith Lutheran Church. Therefore, on Sunday,

July 31, following the quarterly meeting, a special catered luncheon will be held

downstairs to honor Rita and thank her for her service and commitment to this congregation. Please plan to join us for this celebration.

*If you are able to join us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We need to know how many people are coming so we can notify the caterer.*

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Watch for back-to-school sales and pick up items for the August Stewardship school supplies collection. We hope to supply items needed by the Reo Elementary School near our synod mission partner church Redeemer Lutheran. Here are the items to watch for—dry erase markers, crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, Play Dough, scissors, water paints, shaving cream (to practice writing in), sidewalk chalk, bubbles and more bubbles and kinetic sand. . .and more listed on Faith@Work board.

 RACE, ETHNICITY, RELIGION & CULTURE:

LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM

On Wednesday evening, August 10

from 7:00-9:00 p.m., we will be hosting

an evening of conversation with

Imam Schail Chaudhry from the East

Lansing Islamic Center. He will be joining us to talk about Islam and help us better understand Islam. We invite you to join us as we listen, learn and build bridges of understanding and peace. If you have any questions, please speak to Connie Nelson or Pastor Ellen.

SIXTY PLUS AND MINUS – SAVE THESE DATES!

Wednesday, August 17 at 11:30 a.m.

Come to Coral Gables for a bite of lunch! Sharing your summer adventures with friends from Faith can be fun and give new direction to wrapping up the carefree days of late summer and early fall.

Wednesday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m.

The first fall gathering of the Sixty Plus and Minus group. Program to be announced soon. Take part in an awesome potluck and reunite with good friends at 11:30 a.m.

SEE YOU SOON!

COMMUNITY PICNIC AND CONCERT HERE AT FAITH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 – 4:00-7:30 P.M.



Bring your lawn chair

Join us for free picnic food

Enjoy the music of Taylor Taylor

Taylor is a 19-year-old native of Lansing with African American and Colombian roots. She has been cultivating her jazzy-pop style with classical guitar skills, warm, charismatic vocals and lyrical songwriting, which reveal her intelligence beyond her years. For Taylor’s complete bio, go to taylortaylormusic.com.

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY September 11

On the afternoon of Sunday, September 11, ELCA churches all over the country will be participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” service projects.

We will be participating in this effort. At this point in time we are not certain what our service project will entail; however, we will be doing something that connects to make a difference in the lives of “first responders” in Meridian Township. Please mark your calendars for this event. And, if you wish to purchase a “God’s work. Our hands” shirt, add your name to the sign-up sheet you will find in the narthex. Shirts will cost $7/person. Deadline to order: August 7.



**September 18, 2016 Banquet**

The Good Lord has truly blessed us, and so we will gather to

give thanks and celebrate Faith Lutheran’s 60th anniversary!

We will enjoy a wonderful Italian Buffet, including a gluten-free entrée, to please both adult and children’s palates. There will

be music, reminiscing and thoughts about the future of Faith Lutheran in Okemos.

DATE: Sunday, September 18, 2016

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Big Ten Room in the MSU Kellogg

Center on Harrison Road

TICKETS: $26.00 Adults

$13.00 Children 12 and under

Tickets will be available for purchase beginning Sunday morning, August 7, 2016. You may also call the church office at 349-0620 to reserve tickets. Please mark “60th Banquet” on your checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this opportunity to celebrate together!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REGISTRATION CARDS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX  
Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be from August 1-5 from 9:00am – 12:00pm and is entitled “High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God”. **VBS decorating and set-up will be on July 28th-30th from 1:00-6:00pm each day. The final set-up will be on Sunday, July 31st immediately following Rita’s Retirement Party.** Even ifyou cannot help during the VBS week, these decorating times are crucial and we would love to have as many helpers as possible. If you have any questions, please see Melinda. THANKS!!

**Vacation Bible School Items Needed**  
We need the following items to borrow to complete our theme: Row Boat (I will pick up and transport), Nautical decorations, such as: Life Rings, Sea Gulls, Netting, Float Orbs or Knots, Anchor, Wheel, Oars, Rope, Sea Lanterns, etc. We appreciate any help.

**Tool Kits for Mission Trip**Please see the display in the Narthex of the items we will need to have when we travel to Hurricane, West Virginia. Every time we go on a mission trip we need supplies and we usually have to beg and borrow. With these supplies, we will have a supply to go to every time we are doing service. Thanks for your continued support.

**\*\*Time Change\*\*Mandatory Mission Meeting for Youth and Parents**At this meeting we will be completing all forms, discussing expectations, setting up departure times, and we will also have a mini-practice session with the tools and materials to assess the skill level of our participants. July 20th, 5:00-6:30pm.

**Tent Supervisors Needed**A new requirement for renting the church tent is for the rentee to provide the installation crew. We would like to offer a member of the church as a supervisor in this process. We are hoping for approximately eight people to be on a rotational schedule. If you are able to help with this, please contact Melinda at the church.

CE/Youth cont’d

**Blessing Bags**We were able to fill 49 bags (38 for men, 11 for women) for members to carry in their car to offer to any homeless people they come across in their travels. These bags are in the High School Room, which is located in the music room. We would like to continue to fill bags as we still have some product left and we would appreciate any items that can be donated: 27 men’s size 9-12 crew socks, 36 snack size raisins, 35 Ritz with cheese crackers in a bag, 59 travel size deodorants (Degree, if possible), 54 travel size toothpaste, and 27 toothbrushes. Any women’s hygiene products would be appreciated as well. You can place them in Melinda’s office, which is located across from the church secretary.

NEWS FROM OUR SYNOD MISSION PARTNER CHURCH

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION AND MINISTRY

Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Jan Hite’s 25th anniversary of ordination and 25 years of faithful service at Redeemer Church. A special worship service will begin at 10:00am, followed by a picnic open house 12:00-2:00pm on Sunday, August 14. Redeemer Church is located at 2727 West Holmes Road in Lansing. No gifts please. For anyone interested, contributions toward a special gift to be used at Redeemer in Pastor Jan’s honor can be made at the open house.

RSVP Vickie, 517-267-0189 or email [vickie@LNRCP.com](mailto:vickie@LNRCP.com). Please join us even if you do not RSVP.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Each year, Redeemer Church, an active city church who cares for her local community, holds an ice cream social during the month of August. This year, the event will be held Saturday, August 17 from 3:00-6:00pm. FREE ice cream! FREE games! Join your friends and neighbors for the annual Ice Cream Social at Redeemer Church. This is an opportunity to share some FREE ice cream from Melting Moments. Also, there will be fun games, prizes and inflatables for kids, music for both young and old, great food, crafts, and our 50;/50 raffle. There is a nominal charge for hot dogs, chips and beverages. (Ice cream and toppings are free.) Everyone is invited. Share in the fun. Bring your family and friends. Redeemer Church is located at 2727 West Holmes Road in Lansing.





To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .

. . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,

study and fellowship

. . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith

that works in real life

. . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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North/West Lower Michigan Synod ≈ www.mittensynod.org

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Podcasts

ITUNES

https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/your-faith-journey/id1085174663?mt=2

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You also can find the audio available

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