**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FaithFamily&Friends3

**October 30th**

*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

***December Faith Family News newsletter*⎯**

**Please submit by Monday November 21st**

Submit to Katie at klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Please lift up in prayer this week:

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

Dale Halverson and the Barry family.

🕆 Friends and family—

Pat Belonga, Chris Cotter, Lil Jennings, Terrie Becker, Allie, Heather,

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

Brown, Susan Heft, Pat Hillberg & Family, Marilyn

Borri, Jane Lightle, Dennis Cobler and John Joseph Lanzetta.

🕆 Our mission partner congregation⎯Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church

🕆 Those in military service⎯Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks,

Melody and Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.

🕆 Lutheran Social Services of Michigan children who seek adoption—

Marshall & Lorenzo. 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

Pastor Paul Kehnle and the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Acme, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by. . .

Vase 1: The Borton Family in celebration of Christine and John’s birthday.

Vase 2: The Schultz Family in celebration of Lauren’s birthday.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Weekly Offering 10/23/16 Year-to-date as of 09/30/2016

General Fund $1015.00 Income $219,713.88

Loose Cash 39.00 Expenses 230,499.15

Loose Checks 20.00 Net Income (-10,785.27)

Total $1074.00

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Reformation Sunday

**TODAY Reusable shopping bags are for sale $5/each in the narthex as a way to prevent “urban tumbleweeds” and as a fundraiser for the Youth.**

**World Hunger Offering Day**

9:00 a.m. “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible”

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP: New Member Sunday

Immediately following Worship: Quarterly Meeting

Immediately following Quarterly Meeting: Chili Chowdown & Games

Monday, October 31st

Tuesday, November 1st

Worship folder announcements deadline

12:00 p.m. Lectionary study in Pastor Ellen’s office

Wednesday, November 2nd

7:30 a.m. Men’s Study Group in the Library

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir

6:00 p.m. Trinity and Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

6:30 p.m. Membership Development

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 3rd

Friday, November 4th

Saturday, November 5th

9:00am Anti-Racism Training: Third & Final Session

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Service of Worship & Prayer for Discernment & Healing**

As we move into the week of the election, we are going to hold a Worship & Prayer Service on Sunday, November 6th, at 6:30pm. This will be a contemplative service incorporating scripture, prayer and music.

**Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday**. We will be naming those saints who have been baptized over the past year and we will name those saints who have joined the church triumphant over the past year. As we celebrate the saints of the church, all of us who gather in this place are also saints. In honor of All Saints, we are designating Sunday, November 6, as a Name Tag Sunday! **Please remember to wear your name tag next Sunday and introduce yourself to someone you may not know.**



**Lay Assistant Training**

We would like all of those who volunteer their time as lay assistant to go through a small training.

Training times are *Monday, November 14th* at 7pm or *Sunday, November 27th* immediately following worship.

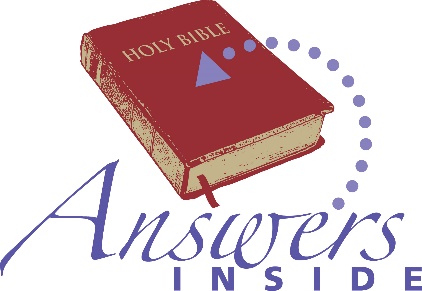
Please contact Diane Wilke or the Church office for more information and to sign up. Thank you!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES

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**SAMARITAS Sunday**

On Sunday, November 13, Nick Shillack from Samaritas (*formerly LSSM*) will be joining us for worship as he shares information about the good work this organization is doing throughout the state.



***How Lutherans Interpret the Bible*, starting October 16 at 9:00am**

Everyone is welcome! We will meet in the large fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour.

For those who may have missed it…RIC is hosting a viewing of the “Seven Passages” DVD on Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm. Everyone is Welcome!

***CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group Meeting***

Join us at 11:30am for a light lunch and discussion. All are Welcome!

Thursday November 10th: Tara Thiel from Medilodge will be discussing various Long Term Care Options.

Thursday December 8th: Kathy Mrozinski will be speaking. Kathy is the Marketing Manager for Senior CommUnity Care of Michigan PACE Program. The program is an all-inclusive care for the elderly in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties.

Thursday January 12th: Angie Cantlon form CareLinc Medical Equipment will speak on how the Durable Medical Equipment World works. There is more offered then just a wheelchair and a walker!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES CONT.

**November 16th at 11:30 “The Joys of Lighthouse Keeping”**

The November 60 +/- has a Faith star of its own:

Ann Mayer, will relate her most recent adventure in fulfilling

her “bucket list”. Those of you who attended the Anniversary

Dinner in September at the Kellogg Center will know they are in

for a treat as we recall Ann as a delightful and entertaining

emcee that afternoon. Lighthouse keeping is her theme,

but expect to be surprised by her adventures there!

Put a star by the date in your calendar, bring a friend,

and look forward to an outstanding afternoon!

Meal plans will soon be posted on the Faith at Work

Board in the narthex. Please **SIGN UP** and let us

know what you are bringing to the last potluck of

2016!

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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Join us Sunday November 6th after Worship for Property Clean-up Day. Lots of hands will make the work go fast. Questions? Contact Mark Marquardt or Bob Nelson.

**November 23rd Annual Pie Fest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

****Immediately following worship on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday November 23rd at 7pm), Membership Development will be hosting the annual Pie Fest.  Join Faith Family & Friends for fellowship and delicious pies. Beverages will be provided. If you would like to bring a pie, there is a sign-up sheet under Membership Development on the Message board in the Narthex.

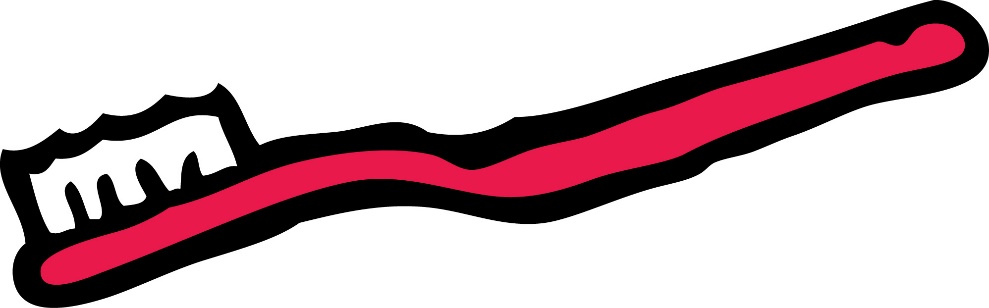
**GREEN TEAM TIP OF THE MONTH**

**Reduce Your Water Use**

Try turning off water while brushing your teeth or lathering up in the shower

Install aerators in faucets or shower heads

Older toilets use a lot of water **-** you can reduce your usage by sinking a half gallon jug of water in the toilet tank.

****Did you know?  That most modern dishwashers when fully loaded conserve more water than hand washing.

**“Urban Tumbleweeds,”** better known as **plastic grocery bags,** have been littering our streets! When plastic bags don’t make it to the trash they often are seen blowing in the wind. The members of Faith Lutheran’s Green Team are asking you to bring all those plastic shopping bags to church so we can recycle them. We are placing recycle containers in the foyers in the northwest and southwest entrances to the building. It will be easy to drop those *urban tumbleweeds* in these containers as you enter the building.

Another Solution? Let’s reduce the demand for and manufacture of, plastic bags by using **reusable shopping bags. TODAY** our youth will be selling **reusable shopping bags bearing the name of Faith Lutheran Church.**  These bags, a fundraising project for our youth, will be selling for $5.00 a bag. The Youth, the Green Team and the Evangelism Committee are teaming up to inspire you to use these reusable bags as we work to reduce the amount of plastic going into the landfills.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

[](http://www.google.com/imgres?imgurl=http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/media/6221/operation_christmas_child_logo_black_and_white.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/rss/operation-christmas-child/resources/operation-christmas-child-promotional-material.aspx&h=239&w=266&tbnid=R94QDXpEy0fn0M:&zoom=1&docid=ZeNe6N2dbgiJnM&ei=-SwsVJetMcShyATvnIHYBw&tbm=isch&ved=0CEAQMygNMA0&iact=rc&uact=3&dur=499&page=2&start=8&ndsp=17)**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection**Collections will be ongoing through November 13th, at which time we will have the boxes blessed during the service. Please see the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox display in the narthex, which has information about the items that are needed. If you are available to help deliver the shoeboxes the week of November 14-21 to a location in Haslett, please let Melinda Schultz know at [mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net).

**Thrivent Action Teams are needed again!!!**  
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: Chili Chowdown, Spaghetti Lunch, Cabaret and Auction, Shrove Supper, March Madness Meal, Quiche Meal, and Faith Vacation Bible School . 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.

**Youth Group Fundraiser (partnering with Membership Development)  
Chili Chowdown – October 30th, 12:00-1:30pm**TODAY, the youth group will be offering a Chili meal (vegetarian choices as well), cornbread, cider, dessert, as well as fun games and activities for the children. We will also have pumpkin carving assistance if you bring in your own pumpkins with your family. It will be a great time!!! Cost for the meal is $5.00 each or $15.00 per family. Please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church. Money collected during the event.

**Halloween Candy Needed**  
Parish Education is in need of the following candies for gifts to the children at Christmas time, so when you are out before and after Halloween, there may be discounts available. Individually wrapped little packages of: Candy Canes, Gold Wrapped Rolo, Dove, Starlight mint, Milky Way, Life Saver, Hershey Hugs, and Almond Joy. Thank you for all of your support.

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**November 20th Spaghetti Lunch**

  
**Supplies Needed : Gordon Food Services**Red Placemats – 1 set  
Checkered Utensil Set – 1 bag   
Parmesan Cheese – 1 container  
Tomato’s (grape) 1 large Container  
100 - Dinner Plates (compostable)  
100 - Dessert Plates (compostable)  
100 - Drink cups (12oz)  
100 plain breadsticks  
3 pound of butter (salted)  
Fettuccini – 2# bag  
Alfredo Sauce – 2 bags frozen  
Spaghetti – 8#  
Penne - 8#  
Marinara Sauce – 15 Quarts (5 large cans)  
Salad Mix – 7#  
2 oz. portions cups – 1 bag  
Ranch Dressing – 2 large bottles  
Brownies – 1 large GFS box of fudge brownie mix  
15# of hamburger meat  
1 Can of Coffee  
1 container of lemonade

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule – “Christmas in a Box”**Starting in November, we will be holding rehearsals during Trinity/Confirmation evenings with the 4-6 grades. We will be running the songs in November during the first 15 minutes of class time with Pre-K through 6th grade. In December, we will practice during Sunday School on the 4th and December 11th. Additionally, we will have a dress rehearsal for **everyone** after church on December 4th from 11:30-1:00pm. We will feed the children and then rehearse. The pageant is Sunday, December 11th during the service. Hope to see everyone's family for our celebration of the birth of Jesus

**Important Dates in November**11th **Confirmation Lock-in**, 6:00pm-9:00**am**  
13th Operation Shoebox Blessing  
 Parish Education Meeting, 11:30am  
 **Youth Group Outing** - TBD  
19th Confirmation Review, 1:00-4:00pm  
20th Children Sing during Worship Service, 10:00am  
 **Spaghetti Lunch**, 11:30-1:00pm  
23rd NO Trinity & Confirmation

**News from our Synod Partner**

All Children are welcome to participate in a FREE and safe alternative on Halloween. “Trunks of Treats” will take place from 6-8pm on October 31, 2016 at Redeemer Church in Lansing. Redeemer Church is located at 2727 West Holmes Road in Lansing (south of Mt. Hope, between Pleasant Grove and Catherine). For more information, please contact the church office at 517-882-8000 or [janhite@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janhite@sbcglobal.net)



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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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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