**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FaithFamily&Friends3

**November 13th**

*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, John Joseph Lanzetta and Bethany

Robison.

🕆 Our mission partner congregation⎯Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Melody and Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.

🕆 Samaritas children who seek adoption— Grace and Darriona. 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 Shirley Ross-Jones and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Alpena, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

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

Ken and Pastor Ellen Schoepf.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Weekly Offering 11/6/16**  Year-to-date as of 09/30/2016

General Fund $5275.00 Income $219,713.88

Loose Cash 100.00 Expenses 230,499.15

Loose Checks 25.00 Net Income (-10,785.27)

Anti-Racism Fund 113.05

Shirley Jirele Memorial 270.00

World Hunger 86.11

Total $5869.16

Simply Giving 2081.00

**Memorial Fund Envelopes** are available in the narthex. Take as many as you would like. You can notate who the gift is for and if you would like the family to be notified.

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

**TODAY Poinsettia Order Forms are available in the narthex.**

 **Orders are due by December 4th.**

**Shoe Box Blessing Day**

**Thank you to all who participated in Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child!**

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

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP: Nik Schillack: Samaritas Preaching

11:30 a.m. Tech Committee Meeting

11:30 a.m. Parish Ed

3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

Monday, November 14th

7:00 p.m. Lay Assistant Training

Tuesday, November 15th

Worship folder announcements deadline

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

6:30 p.m. Evangelism and Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, November 16th

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

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Meeting

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

Thursday, November 17th

6:30 p.m. RIC: DVD viewing

Friday, November 18th

Saturday, November 19th

1:00 p.m. Confirmation Review

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**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!

**Thanksgiving Service**



Join us Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm for our Thanksgiving Service.

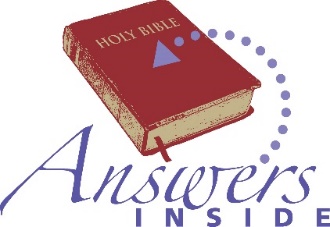
**New Member Sunday**

Our next New Member Sunday is November 27th. Are you interested in becoming a member at Faith Lutheran? Contact Pastor Ellen at [prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org) .

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES

******For those who may have missed it…RIC is hosting a viewing of the “Seven Passages” DVD this Thursday, November 17th at 6:30pm. Everyone is Welcome! There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

***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.

***CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group Meeting***

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

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!



**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

**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.

**Do you Love to Decorate?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

****Mark your calendar and join Pastor Ellen on Saturday, November 26th at 9:30 am. We will be putting up the Christmas tress and other decorations to make the building look festive for the Holiday Season! Pastor Ellen will supply donuts and coffee! Come and enter into the Holiday spirit with us!

**Holiday Cookie Exchange\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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The Membership Development Committee will host a **Holiday Cookie Exchange** on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm. Please sign up to join us by December 4th on the message board and pick up a copy of the guidelines. Join us for yummy treats, fellowship and take home an assortment of delicious cookies to share with your holiday guests!

Holiday attire is encouraged and door prizes will be given!



**Stuff the Stocking Food Drive**

**Caring Committee News**

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 in the narthex for the grocery cart to appear and be ready to collect the donations for food items needed.

Needed Items…

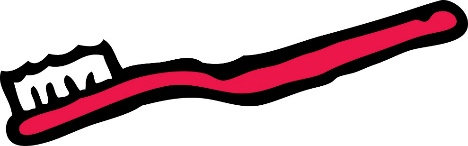
Peanut butter, jelly, snack bars, pop tarts, muffin mix, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruits, boxed cereals, oatmeal, macaroni & cheese, boxed meals-example hamburger helper, soup, boxed crackers, rice, pasta and spaghetti sauce.

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 begin now and our delivery date will be Sunday, December 18.

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**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.

**Poinsettia Order**

Now is the time to order your poinsettias! Order forms are available in the church narthex. Please put your order form in the church office or in Katie Love’s church mailbox. Thanks!



**November Stewardship: ELCA Good Gifts**

Forms regarding the ELCA Good Gifts are available in the narthex and in the November newsletter.

**Thank you!\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The property team thanks those who helped with the church grounds cleanup on Nov. 6th. We really appreciate your help.

Bob & Mark

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.**

**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.

**HELP NEEDED**I am in need of a Cabaret and Auction Co-Chair to help me with the planning of this fun event. The event will be held on January 27, 2017, so we need to start now. Please, please let me know if you are able to go on this wonderful adventure with me!

**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 plain breadsticks  
3 pound of butter (salted)  
Fettuccini – 2 pounds (bag)  
Alfredo Sauce – 2 bags frozen  
Spaghetti – 8 pounds  
Penne - 8 pounds  
Marinara Sauce – 15 Quarts (5 large cans)  
Salad Mix – 7 pounds  
2 oz. portions cups – 1 bag  
Ranch Dressing – 2 large bottles  
Brownies – 1 large GFS box of fudge brownie mix  
15 pounds of hamburger meat

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.**

**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**  
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