Welcome to

Faith Lutheran

**January 29, 2017**

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**Blessings and the Blessed**

Not that long ago, many of us sat around the Thanksgiving table and named our blessings with gratitude: food, family, friends, home, health. It is good to give God thanks. In the Beatitudes, however, Jesus teaches a countercultural lesson: God’s gifts (blessings) should not be confused with God’s favor (the blessed).

It’s understandable to be confused. When counting blessings, we don’t include being broke or heartbroken. We don’t thank God for feeling like a loser or being full of doubt. We don’t note a terminal diagnosis in our gratitude journal. God’s blessings, God’s gifts, we learn over a lifetime, are not all hoped-for or sweet. In a hospital room, for example, emptied of personal power and control after a difficult diagnosis, we can still be blessed with the fullness of God’s presence.

So, hear the good news: God blesses each and every one of us. God gifts the deserving and undeserving. Those who have permanent disabilities and those who are temporarily abled. Happy, sad, sick, well. God favors the poor, those who mourn, the meek, those who search for righteousness, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those persecuted, hated, and slandered because of their belief in Jesus (Matt. 5:3-12).

In this good news, also hear God’s invitation to show favor to God’s blessed. To help neighbors known and unknown enjoy God’s abundant life on earth as well as in heaven. To be merciful.

Spirit-led, we are merciful with acts of compassion, hospitality, and advocacy for justice. We bring meals, make quilts, organize letter-writing campaigns, offer respite, remember, notice, invite, comfort, reach out, and draw in. And, when we are open to receiving as well as giving, being merciful can turn into a mutual relationship. An “other” becomes a friend, reciprocally blessed and a blessing. Loving God leads to loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Sunday, January 29, 2017

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

**Introduction to the day**

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

*If hearing assistance is needed, please ask an usher for a personal PA receiver.*

*The ushers also have large print copies of today’s worship folder available.*

*If it will be difficult for you to stand along with the congregation during*

*any part of the worship service, please feel free to remain seated.*

*There is a nursery available during the worship service for those who wish*

*to use it. It is located at the end of the hall beyond the coat racks.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.*

*Please register your attendance and join us in fellowship after the service.*

Prayer Requests

PRELUDE

*The pre-service music signals the beginning of the worship service. Silence during the*

*pre-service music enables worshipers to prepare for worship through quiet meditation.*

Flutes of Faith

“Air” from “Was Mir Behagt, ist nur die Muntre” (Bach)

**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*The assembly stands*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross,*

*the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who stretches out the heavens,

who sends light to the nations,

who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin

in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way**

**to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times**

**we have spoken or acted too quickly;**

**we have not spoken or acted at all;**

**we have hurt those closest to us;**

**we have hurt those we have yet to know;**

**we have thought more about ourselves than others;**

**we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,**

**so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God’s love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,

for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

***The Church of Christ, in Every Age ELW #729***

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Canticle of Praise**





**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world’s wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading: Micah 6:1-8**

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.*

A reading from Micah.

1Hear what the Lord says:  
  Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
  and let the hills hear your voice.  
 2Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
  and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
 for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
  and he will contend with Israel.  
  
 3“O my people, what have I done to you?  
  In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
 4For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
  and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
 and I sent before you Moses,  
  Aaron, and Miriam.  
 5O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
  what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
  that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”  
  
 6“With what shall I come before the Lord,  
  and bow myself before God on high?  
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
  with calves a year old?  
 7Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
  with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
  the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
 8He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
  and what does the Lord require of you  
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
  and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

*According to the world’s standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

18The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19For it is written,   
 “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
  and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”  
20Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. 22For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, 23but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.  
  26Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, 29so that no one might boast in the presence of God. 30He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
  3“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
  4“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
  5“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
  6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
  7“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
  8“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
  9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
  10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
  11“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Children Sing**

**“**Into My Heart” 100 Bible Songs for Kids V.3

**Sermon**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**Hymn of the Day**

***Blest Are They ELW #728***

*The assembly is seated*

**Installation of Leaders in the Congregation**

These people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians:

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (I Corinthians 12: 4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of the household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

**I will, and I ask God to help me.**

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders,

and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

I now declare you installed as leaders of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**Amen**

*The assembly stands*

**Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God’s justice, peace, and healing.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed.*

*To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes the*

*prayers, and the assembly responds:*

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

Chancel Choir “How Beautiful” (Paris)

Emily Brown, soloist

**offering response**

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**offering Prayer**

Let us pray

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,

shining with the light of your justice and mercy;

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Lord’s Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

We who are many are one body,

for we all partake of the one bread.

Come. Be filled with light and life.

*The assembly is seated*

**Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

**Communion Song**

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**congregational song**

***Bread of Life from Heaven ELW #474***

**congregational song**

***We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW #479***

*The assembly stands*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

O Morning Star, fair and bright,

you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

that we tell the story of your never-ending love

and sing your praise both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

The God of glory dwell in you richly,

name you beloved,

and shine brightly on your path;

and the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**sending song**

***We Are Called ELW #720***

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**postlude**

“Spiritoso” Samuel Wesley

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“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24, ESV). Welcome!

Adult Sunday School resumes on Sunday, February 5th

Pastor Ellen Schoepf prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org

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Organist/Pianist Bruce Williams

January 22, 2017 Attendance : 122

Serving Faith January 29 February 5

Acolyte Clayton Wenzel Owen Kadrofske

Altar Care Carol Towl and Cecelia Kramer

Elaine Harrison & Peggy Crum

Communion Assistants Clayton Wenzel

John McPhail Ken Schoepf

David Baker August Colandrea

Greeters Ken & Karen Whitmyer Mark & Molly DeHate

Lay Assistants John McPhail Ken Schoepf

Readers David Baker August Colandrea

Ushers Nussdorfer Family

Nursery O’Brien’s Melinda & Lauren Schultz

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**January 29th , 2017**

*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

***March Faith Family News newsletter*⎯**

**Please submit by Monday February 20**

Submit to Katie at klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

**Bruce Williams would like to thank the Faith family for your prayers. He appreciated them and is doing much better.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Please lift up in prayer this week:

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

the Barry Family, Beth Belonga & Family.

🕆 Friends and family—

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

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

Brown, Susan Heft, Pat Hillberg & Family, Dennis Cobler, John Joseph

Lanzetta, Bethany Robison, and the White family. Please all keep Rich

Weingartners mother, Sally Weingartner and his sister Lani Yearicks in your

prayers.

🕆 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— Giovanni, Jessica, LeeAnn and

Valerie. 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 David Hueter and the congregation of St. Thomas Ev. Lutheran Church of Cheboygan, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Weekly Offering 01/22/17**  Year-to-date as of 12/31/2016

Loose Cash $ 46.50 Income $297,799.65

Loose Checks $ 30.00 Expenses 298,786.78

Youth Net Income (987.13)

Communion Plates $ 80.00

 Bottle Recycle $ 51.80

Thursday Service $ 50.00

Flowers $ 75.00

General Fund $ 3730.00

Subtotal $ 4063.30

Simply Giving $ 2826.00

Envelopes that were not picked up can be found in your mailbox.

Total **$ 6889.30**

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS ­­­­**

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

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

**\*Please check your mailbox for your contribution statement\***

**Today**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship: Installation of Officers/Sunday School Sings

Monday, January 30th

2:00 p.m. Women’s Study \*rescheduled from last week\*

Tuesday, January 31st

Worship folder announcements deadline

Noon: Study in Pastor Ellen’s office

Wednesday, February 1st

7:30 a.m. Men’s Study

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

6:00 p.m. T & C

6:00 p.m. First Communion Classes

6:30 p.m. Membership Development

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 2nd

6:30pm Worship Service: All are welcome to Join!

Friday, February 3rd

Saturday, February 4th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Thursday Evening Worship Service**

****The Worship Committee has decided to experiment by adding a second worship service to our weekly schedule.  This service will NOT take place on Sundays.  It WILL take place on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM.  This service will be more intimate, less formal, and more contemplative. Join us if you are able.  Please speak to Pastor Ellen if you have any questions.

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**Stewardship News!**

The Stewardship Committee has decided to focus the entire 2017 year on Water for Tanzania. As part of that effort, we will be taking a Noisy Offering on the *3rd Sunday of every month.* Our first Noisy Offering will be taken on Sunday, February 19. Save up those coins and plan to bring them on the 3rd Sunday of every month. We look forward to discovering how much money we can give by the end of the year to support Tula Ngasala’s water project in Tanzania.

**Adult Sunday School**

**Class will resume on Sunday, February 5th at 9:00am in the library.** We will be studying Walter Brueggemann’s book “Embracing the Prophets”

Walter, arguably America’s leading Old Testament scholar and theologian, takes us on a wild ride through the poetic prophecy of Hebrew Scripture, identifying cultural contexts, putting a framework to Israel’s history, and, most significantly -and at times challengingly! - drawing connections between Israel’s sociological, economic and spiritual status and that of America today.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group Meeting**

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

Thursday, February 9th : Michelle Traill – Crosser from Caring Transitions will be speaking about downsizing.

Thursday, March 9th: Mike Harrison, Life & Business Coach. From Spectator to Spectacular: Living the Life YOU Want.

Thursday, April 13th: Allie Phillips – Self Empowerment Coach and master energy therapist. The place where energy laws and healing come together for people and pets.

***Sixty Plus or Minus: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 11:30 a.m.***

***Lunch and Program***

***Bonnie DePue, Occupational Therapist, presents***

***“CHUM Therapeutic Riding, Inc.”***

Bonnie DePue will join us on February 15 to share pictures and tell us about her personal experiences working with CHUM Therapeutic Riding, Inc. This special horseback riding program, based in nearby Dansville, was originally to be the focus of our October program, but was rescheduled because Bonnie was called out of state.

The website for Children and Horses United in Movement (CHUM) describes this therapeutic riding program as follows:

“It has always been clear that CHUM is a God driven, faith built, grace guided program where individuals with and without disabilities share and develop their love for horses. In this process, we see ‘life lessons’ occurring in the barn, victories over challenges, hope over despair, and relationship building in trust and love.”

Join us for lunch and what promises to be an interesting and inspiring program! The committee is furnishing the main course and beverages for lunch. Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

**Euchre Tournament**

**Friday February 24th @ 7p.m.**

**Come and join Membership Development for a fun night of Euchre. If you do not know how to play that’s o.k.-we will teach you! Bring your own beverage, we will provide a few snacks that won’t get the cards dirty! Sign up in the Narthex on the Membership Development clip board or call the church office. Hope to see you there!**



**Marriage Retreat March 3-5, 2017**

We are excited to announce this year’s Marriage Retreat *“Marriage and the Divine Dance”.* The retreat will be in partnership with Peace Lutheran in South Haven and First Lutheran in Muskegon. The seminars will take place at Bethlehem Lutheran in Grand Rapids and begin on Friday evening. We will be staying at the Comfort Inn and Suites, in Comstock Park. Rooms are $99/night + room tax. All meals, except for Saturday night, will be provided. **Please sign up in the narthex by Tuesday, February 14th to reserve your room**.

Please contact Pastor Ellen with any questions.

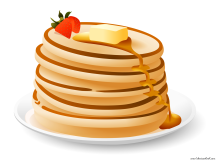
**LENT BEGINS – Wednesday, March 1**

Join us for **Ash Wednesday Worship on March 1** as we again begin our Lenten journey to the cross.

* Noon Worship Service followed by a soup luncheon
* 7:00 PM Worship Service

Weekly Lenten Services will then take place on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Soup and bread suppers will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by a worship service at 7:15. Join us as we make this journey together

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 28th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Items Needed**The Youth would appreciate any donations of the following items for the upcoming dinner next month: 2 jars of applesauce (23 oz.) and 200 (wow!) turkey sausage links. We appreciate your help and look forward to serving you that evening.

**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: March Madness Meal, Quiche Meal, or 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.

**Important Dates in February and March**Feb. 5th - 1st Communion Sunday  
12th - Youth Group Outing, time TBD  
19th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
24th-26th Youth Weekend, 5:00pm – 6:00pm  
28th - Shrove Supper, 5:30-7:00pm  
1st - NO TRINITY OR CONFIRMATION  
5TH - Scout Sunday  
5th - Children sing during service.  
19th - March Madness Meal, 11:30-1:00pm  
24th-26th Confirmation Retreat, 5:00pm-6:00pm

From our Mission Partner Church: Redeemer Lutheran

**Kids’ night out! Parents’ night off!**

Saturday Feb. 11, 2017 from 4-8pm at Redeemer Church. This is an evening for both children and parents in our surrounding community. It will be a FUN time filled with dinner, games, and a movie for children ages 4 and up. While children are having a great time, parents are invited to take this opportunity to go out and enjoy the evening. This event is FREE to all! Please call 517-882-8000 to reserve a spot, so we can plan for the food we will need. 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). [www.RedeemerLansing.com](http://www.RedeemerLansing.com)





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study and fellowship

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