Welcome to

Faith Lutheran

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

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**A Different Way**

“You live in a dream world. Nobody actually lives like that.” Her brother-in-law couldn’t believe she actually thought that it was possible, or even a goal, to love your enemies, to treat others with kindness instead of revenge, to give generously without thought of being repaid.

Jesus’ words do seem to be from another world. Our world doesn’t operate like the one he envisions. In our world, some people aren’t even satisfied with “an eye for an eye.” Our movies, television series, and video games are filled with ever bigger explosive responses to enemies. It’s rare to see one where someone desires the enemy to be redeemed instead of eliminated. At work, school, on the court, at home, it’s hard to get hurt and not want to respond out of the desire to hurt back.

Jesus asks us to respond with kindness, generosity, and love, to go the second mile, even to pray for our enemies. Otherwise, the actual fighting never stops. It just goes back and forth and on and on.

It takes courage to model a different way to handle hurt. We’re challenged to be courageous lovers of God, ourselves, and others—not as doormats but as those who firmly do the loving thing. That can even mean doing the tough loving thing of setting a boundary for someone.

That’s the dream of the kingdom that Jesus embodies and invites us to pray for as we live it out. Jesus is the one who loves and forgives even us who have been hurtful to others, ourselves, and God. He is the one who prays for his enemies from the cross. For a world full of hurting people who hurt people, the resurrected Jesus brings light, life, healing, and hope to redeem us all.

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

**Introduction to the day**

In today’s first reading we hear, “You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.” Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God’s mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

*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

**TEMPLE TALK** Tula Ngasala

**PRELUDE**

"Just a Closer Walk" arranged Jack Schrader

*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.*

**Gathering**

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

**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**

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW #858***

**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 of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Word**

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

**First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18**

*The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

A reading from Leviticus.

1The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:  
  2Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.  
  9When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.  
  11You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. 12And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.  
  13You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. 14You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.  
  15You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.  
  17You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40**

*The psalm for the day is read responsively*

33Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
  and I shall keep it to the end.  
 34**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;**  
  **I shall keep it with all my heart.**  
 35Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
  for that is my desire.  
 36**Incline my heart to your decrees**  
  **and not to unjust gain.** R  
 37Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
  give me life in your way.  
 38**Fulfill your promise to your servant,**  
  **which is for those who fear you.**  
 39Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
  because your judgments are good.  
 40**Behold, I long for your commandments;**  
  **by your righteousness enliven me.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23**

*Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church and its ministry. We are God’s temple because God’s Spirit dwells in us, and we belong to Christ. Hence we are called to build wisely upon this sure foundation not for our own benefit but for others to experience Christ’s benefits.*

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

10According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. 11For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.  
  16Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? 17If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.  
  18Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. 19For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,   
 “He catches the wise in their craftiness,”  
20and again,   
 “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,  
  that they are futile.”  
21So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, 22whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, 23and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God’s people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 38“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; 40and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; 41and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. 42Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.  
  43“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. 46For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**childrens message**

**Sermon**

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

**Hymn of the Day**

***Oh, Praise the Gracious Power ELW #651***

**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.*

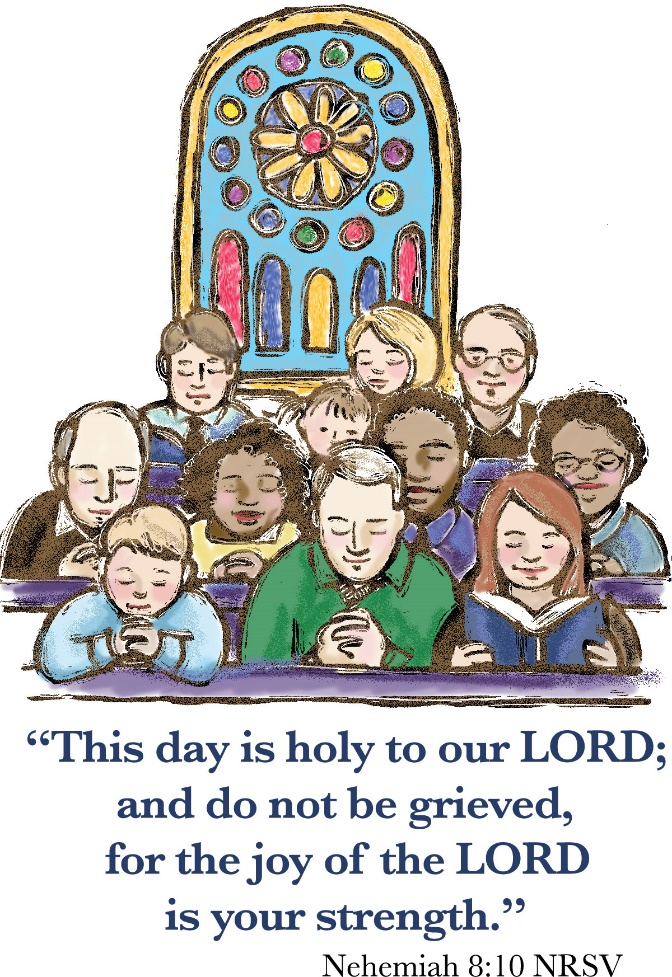
*The assembly is seated.*

**Meal**

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

**offering**

Chancel Choir O Lord Most Holy (Franck)

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**offering response**

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**Offering Prayer**

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

our selves, 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**

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

**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.

**Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

****Communion Song**

**congregational song**

***Blest Be the Tie That Binds ELW #656***

**congregational song**

***Just a Closer Walk with Thee ELW #697***

*The assembly stands*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**Prayer after Communion**

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**

***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW #631***

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**postlude**

“Praise to the Lord" arranged Jon Innes

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We worship in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Grace and peace be with you all as we come before God.

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Director of Music Debra Borton-McDonough

Organist/Pianist Bruce Williams

February 12, 2017 Attendance: 117

Serving Faith February 19 February 26

Acolyte Anja Guenther Clayton Wenzel

Altar Care Elaine Harrison & Peggy Crum

Communion Assistants Anja Guenther Clayton Wenzel

Robert Shorman Rich Weingartner

Jim Crum Warren Heilman

Greeters Rich Weingartner Chris & Jean Lewis

Lay Assistants Robert Shorman Rich Weingartner

Readers Jim Crum Warren Heilman

Ushers Jon & Elaine Harrison

Nursery Drew and Pam Williams Connie Nelson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FaithFamily&Friends3

**February 19, 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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Please lift up in prayer this week:

🕆 Members—Mildred Thorn, Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow, Ellen Milne,

Harry Nawrock, the Barry Family, Harold Sollenberger, and Ken Whitmyer.

🕆 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 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 Dennis Smith and the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church of Constantine, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Weekly Offering 02/12/17**  Year-to-date as of 12/31/2016

Loose Cash $ 122.00 Income $297,799.65

Loose Checks $ 10.00 Expenses 298,786.78

Flowers $ 75.00 Net Income (987.13)

General Fund $ 1880.00

Subtotal $ 2087.00

Simply Giving $

Total **$ 2087.00**

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS ­­­­**

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

Vase 1: Rich Weingartner in memory of his grandparents Ahti and Ellen Waak.

Vase 2: Richardson family in honor of Emily Brown’s birthday.

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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**Water for Tanzania Offering**

Today we will be taking a Noisy Offering for Tula Ngasala’s water project in Tanzania. Here are some current items she is sharing with us about that effort:

-The project will cost about $30,000 to rehabilitate the water storage pond for humans and livestock

-We have submitted a proposal to Engineers Without Borders, proposal is still in review right now

-We are planning to submit a proposal to other places as well.

-I am hoping to go to Tanzania and visit the village this summer for planning purposes

-I will be giving the church updates of the project regularly

Today

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes

****Monday, February 20th

**\*\*March Newsletter Information Due\*\***

7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, February 21st

Worship folder announcements deadline

Noon: Study in Pastor Ellen’s office

Wednesday, February 22nd

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

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 23rd

6:30 p.m. Worship Service: All are welcome to Join!

Friday, February 24th

**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!**

Saturday, February 25th

**Celebration of Life**

This coming Saturday, February 25, from 2:00-4:00, a Celebration of Life will be held in memory of Dick & Lil Jennings.  This will take place in the Ada Whitehouse Room at Burcham Hills.  Members of Faith Lutheran are invited to attend this time of celebration and remembrance.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Director of Children’s Education**

Melinda Schultz has informed us that she wishes to resign from her position as Christian Education/Youth Director. She has decided her last day will be June 1 of this year. We are deeply grateful for all the fine work she has done while serving in this position of ministry in the church. As Human Resources works to fill this position, we are accepting all applications, now through March 12. If you would like to apply for this position, please submit a letter of interest along with references to Pastor Ellen. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Ellen.

**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.

\*\*Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, we will be holding weekly Lenten services.  During Lent, the Thursday evening service will not be taking place.  Thursday services will again resume after Easter.\*\*

Mutual Ministry

We will be having two Listening Posts within the next few weeks. Sunday, February 26th and Sunday, March 12th in the Library following the worship service.

WAYS TO HELP

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**EASTER BASKET FOOD DRIVE**

My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring.

1 John 3:18

The Caring Committee is sponsoring the annual Easter Basket Food Drive. Meridian Township Human Resources Dept. provides us with the names of 20 families that need a little extra help. Faith members are blessed to be able to help by providing any/or all the items listed below.

Cereal Peanut Butter

Muffin Mix Boxed Desserts

Juice Easter Candy

Boxed Potatoes Easter Egg Coloring Kits

Tuna Mac & Cheese

Canned Fruits and Vegetables

Cash donations help with the purchase of the hams, eggs, and milk for the families. **The delivery date is Sunday, APRIL 9**. Please see the sign-up sheet on the information board in the narthex.

Thank you for your support, care for others and prayers as we do HIS work in the community.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES

**Adult Sunday School** Going on NOW

Please join us at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Library as 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.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group Meeting**

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

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.

**LENT BEGINS – Wednesday, March 1**

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

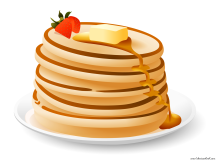
* Noon Worship Service followed by a soup luncheon
* 7:00 PM Worship Service

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. This year, in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our midweek Lenten series will be built around Luther's Small Catechism.  Luther designed the Small Catechism as a teaching tool of the faith.  Please plan to join us every Wednesday during Lent for these midweek services.

Join us as we make this journey together.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PAYMENT DUE for High School Weekend – February 24-26**The 9th-12th grade Youth are invited for a fun weekend in Harbor Springs, Michigan from Friday, February 24/5:00pm – Sunday, February 26th/5:00pm.We will leave from the church at 5:00 and return at 5:00 on Sunday.  We will be doing many different things, including fellowship, outdoor activities, indoor activities, cooking, games, etc. The kids will need sleepwear, clothing for three days (in case their stuff gets wet), snow pants, snow boots, gloves and hat, and toiletries.  
The cost is $75.00.  Please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and turn in the money by February 19th. If you have any questions, please let Melinda know.

**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) gallon milk, (2) gallons chocolate milk, (1) gallon orange juice, and (12) turkey sausage links. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex by the Youth Bulletin Board. 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**   
24th-26th Youth Weekend, 5:00pm – 6:00pm  
28th - Shrove Supper, 5:30-7:00pm  
1st - NO TRINITY OR CONFIRMATION – ASH WEDNESDAY  
5TH - Scout Sunday  
5th - **Confirmation Review, 1:00-4:00pm**  
5th - Children sing during service.  
19th - March Madness Meal, 11:30-1:00pm  
24th-26th Confirmation Retreat, 5:00pm-6:00pm

**SYNOD SPONSORED EVENTS**

**Synod Sponsored Event**

On Saturday, March 25, the North/West Lower Michigan Synod is hosting an event here at Faith Lutheran Church. The event is entitled **"Why Are Lutherans Political?" A Day of Conversation with Dr. James M. Childs, Jr.**

In our Nation today, the relationship between faith and politics is a highly-charged topic of discussion. Dr. James Childs, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Theology and Ethics ad Trinity Lutheran Seminary, will guide us in exploration of this topic through presentations and conversation. This event will be held Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 9:30am to 3:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos. All are welcome!  
You may register for this event by contacting Ann at the Synod Office (321-5066). Lunch will be provided for a modest fee.

**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Saturday, February 25th at 7:00pm Okemos Presbyterian Church is hosting a Jazz concert featuring Arlene McDaniel Sextet.

Free Admission.





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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