

Welcome to Faith Lutheran

July 2, 2017

“WHOEVER WELCOMES YOU
WELCOMES ME,



AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME
WELCOMES THE ONE
WHO SENT ME.”

MATTHEW 10:40, NRSV

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



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



Faith Lutheran Church's Welcoming Statement:

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, "for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." (Galatians 3:26) We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability - you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide.

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Sermons

<http://faithlutheranokemos.org/sermons/>

Special music

<http://faithlutheranokemos.org/category/special-music/>

Counting Words

Count how many times the word *welcome* is repeated in this short gospel reading. It sticks out like a palm in the desert.

What does that word, *welcome*, mean to you? That you . . .
are gladly received?
may settle in?
belong?
are safe?
share in a loving community?
are wanted and necessary?
are not all by yourself?

There is, of course, the opposite of welcome: rejection. Earlier in this chapter of Matthew, when Jesus tells the disciples what to expect, he warns that those who proclaim and bring good news of the kingdom of heaven, those who choose the way of Jesus, will not always find a welcome for themselves or for their good news. Disciples may discover that they are . . .

turned away.
homeless.
excluded or banned.
vulnerable.
friendless.
shunned or not needed.
alone.

Count another word: *whoever*. It's as wondrous as a palm in the desert. It means no one is excluded and anyone is included! Jesus binds the words *whoever* and *welcome* together.

Good news from Jesus is nearly always surprising and predictably countercultural. Miracles and parables, what he does and says, catch his fans and foes off guard. The unlikely company Jesus keeps, the *whoevers* who welcome him, those he gathers in and sends out in his name, are shocked and are shockers!

Jesus' "who-can-believe-it?" good news means that though we find ourselves rejected by those we thought or hoped would receive us, we may mercifully discover that we belong with ones we never imagined would embrace us. We may thankfully learn that we are secure with those who once scared us. We are wanted and needed among the beloved weak ones and there, with them, experience the gracious reward of life in the communion of saints and sinners *whoever* they or we may be.

Sunday, July 2, 2017

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to the day

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

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

“We're a Fellowship of Believers” (Althouse)
Bob Nelson, solo

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,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #522

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



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action, Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon. Hananiah contradicted Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power that motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A reading from Romans.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free

ELW #453

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 together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed.
To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds:

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.
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

"He Who Began a Good Work in You" (Mohr)
Tammy Heilman and Bob Nelson, duet

OFFERING RESPONSE

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Merciful God,
you open wide your hand
and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through 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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,". The second staff continues with "heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The third staff starts with "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -" and the fourth staff concludes with "san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases held over from the previous staff.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the

hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, 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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW #592

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW #471

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.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

This Is My Song

ELW #887

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in A Minor”

Kobrich

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welcome everyone is

“For freedom Christ has set us free” (Galatians 5:1). We thank God for the freedom of salvation as well as for the freedom of worship in this land. Welcome!

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Director of Christian Education		Katie Love
Director of Music		Debra Borton-McDonough
Organist/Pianist		Bruce Williams

June 25, 2017 Attendance: 110

Serving Faith	July 2	July 9
Acolyte		
Altar Care		Gretchen Bills
Communion Assistants		
	Jim Crum	Bob Shorman
	Gus Lulis	John McCracken
Greeters	Ken & Karen Whitmyer	Harold Sollenberger
Lay Assistants	Jim Crum	Bob Shorman
Readers	Gus Lulis	John McCracken
Ushers	Mike Eschelbach	Mike Eschelbach
Nursery	Marquardt's	Drew & Pam Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Family & Friends

July 2, 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

August Faith Family News newsletter—
Please submit by Monday July 17

Submit to Katie at klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- † Members—Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow, Ellen Milne, and Harry Nawrock
- † Friends and family—
Harriet, Pat Belonga, Todd Barricklow, Greg Beckwith, Carol Coyer, Kay Coker, Chris Cotter, Terrie Becker, Allyson, Heather, Al, Sai, Jeanne Hicks, Eshwar Lingamgunta, Robert Bordt, Jenn Leitch, Brian Johnson, Jeanne and Leonard, Tom Brown, Susan Heft, Pat Hillberg & Family, Dennis Cobler, John Joseph Lanzetta, Loretta Milne, 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.
- † Samaritan 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 the all who are supply pastors and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church of Grayling, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offering	06/25/17	Year-to-date as of 05/30/2017	
Loose Cash	\$ 84.00	Income	\$108,983.20
Facility Rental	\$ 150.00	Expenses	\$125,992.28
VBS T-Shirts/CD's	\$ 183.10	Net Income	-17,009.08
VBS Backdrop Sale	\$ 30.00		
Tanzania Water	\$ 256.73		
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 15.00		
Lansing Lugnuts Ticksets	\$ 55.00		
World Hunger	\$ 30.00		
General Fund	<u>\$1350.00</u>		
 Total	 \$ 2153.83		

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Faith Church.

THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 3rd

Tuesday, July 4th

The office will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th.

If you need to reach the pastor please call 517-974-5570.

Wednesday, July 5th

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

Thursday, July 6th

7:00 p.m. ELCA Social Statement Meeting

Friday, July 7th

Saturday, July 8th

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

What are those Laundry Baskets for?? ARROW TREE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for being so generous over the past few months! Arrow Tree apartments are very thankful for your donations. Residents there are very appreciative. Suggested items needed:

SOUP, MAC & CHEESE, CEREAL, OATMEAL, PASTA, PEANUT BUTTER, HEALTHY SNACK BARS, TUNA, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ETC.



NOTECARDS BY SAMARITAS

As we continue to support the work of Samaritas, we are selling notecards. The covers of these notecards display artwork done by refugees who have come to the United States through the work of Samaritas. Notecards are available for \$5.00 per bundle of 6. If you are interested in purchasing a bundle of notecards, please place your \$5 in the box next to the display in the Narthex. If you write a check, please make the check out to **Samaritas**

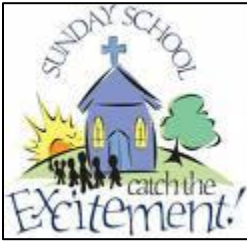


Interested in making a difference in your community?
Do you have a special place in your heart for children?
Join our team of volunteer drivers!

The Davies Project is looking for passionate and devoted individuals to drive children and family members to medical appointments in the tri-county area.

To learn more about how to apply to become a volunteer driver,
visit our website at www.thedaviesproject.org/volunteer,
or give us a call at (517) 899-2425.

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*****NEEDED - Sunday School Teachers for 2017-2018**

– Thank you to all of the volunteers who have stepped forward to donate their time. We truly appreciate your support. There are still several positions available, so please consider helping. The curriculum is VERY easy and the children

are great. If we have multiple teachers per grade, it allows for some flexibility on how often you have to teach. We also need a substitute list.

Pre-School – Kim O'Brien, Brenda Kopf, Laurie Hereza

1-3 Grades – Lori Webb, Lois Neves, Jean Lewis

4-6 Grades (Trinity) – Ransom, need 3 (offered both Sunday and Wednesday night, where a meal is included).

7-8 Grades (Confirmation) – Ellen Schoepf, Brendan Guenther, Melinda Schultz (offered both Sunday and Wednesday night, where a meal is included).

Youth (9-12 Grades) – Katie Love



CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGHSCHOOLERS TO 'SERVE OUR CITY'

Date: August 14th-16th

Time: Meet at Faith at 12:30 p.m. and we will go out to serve from there. We will return by 5:30 p.m. If you are able to help drive and help with "Serve Our City" please contact Katie.

All middle and high schoolers are invited! An R.S.V.P link will be available next week!

60 +/- Looking ahead:

We plan our usual informal lunch gatherings at Coral Gables for July 19 and August 16. Pencil in the dates on your summer calendar!



Upcoming Caregiving Meeting

July 13th, 2017 11:30 a.m. Join us for a lite lunch and discussion.

July Meeting- Nutrition for Self-Care with speaker Debbie Miller of Inspired Health for Michigan

August 10th Meeting- Ingham County Medical Care Facility and Rehabilitation (Dobie Road)- Driving Resources/Assessment and Wellness Opportunities.

September 14th – An afternoon of sharing and caring

October 12th- An afternoon of sharing and caring

Join Us August 15-17, 2017

Four visitors from the **Honduran Lutheran Church** will visit the Lansing area in August. We will share information about our churches and faith experiences in the N/W Lower Michigan Synod. They will share with us what it means to be Lutheran in Honduras and talk about their many successes and challenges. **Please join us for any of the activities listed below.**



Tuesday, August 15

6:00 p.m. Faith Lutheran Presentation 4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos Potluck" - Get Acquainted with Our Mission Partners"

Wednesday, August 16

11:00 a.m. St. Stephens Lutheran Eucharist 2900 N. Waverly Rd., Lansing. Lunch and fellowship

6:00 p.m. University Lutheran Conversation 1020 S. Harrison Rd., East Lansing – Potluck “Lay Leadership and Outreach”

Thursday, August 17

10:00 a.m. Redeemer Lutheran Child Care 2727 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing. Worship, lunch and fellowship with the children

1:30 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran 3383 E. Lake Lansing Rd., East Lansing Food Bank/Community Garden

For more information contact Mike or Connie Lenkowski
clenkowski@frontier.com or 517-655-5939

Our guests will also visit Saginaw and Grand Rapids during their time in Michigan. Please check the Synod Website for complete information.

Forum Planning Committee News - As we continue to address the issues of racial inequality in our community and culture, our **Faith Lutheran Forum Planning Committee** is partnering with **One Love Global** and other groups in our area to begin showing the documentary series **America Divided**. This eight session series addresses issues of inequality in our present culture. We will be showing one video each month. Each showing will be followed by a discussion. **This eight session series will take place on the second Monday evening of each month at 7:00 PM. The next video will be presented at Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos on Monday evening, July 10th.**




IMMIGRATION

"IT ONLY WOULD TAKE A SMALL AMOUNT OF IMAGINATION FOR ANY OF US...TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY'RE HUMANS JUST LIKE US."

-AMERICA FERRERA

AMERICA DIVIDED
PREMIERES 9/30



THERE ARE ABOUT
11,000,000
UNDOCUMENTED
PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES




Out of Reach

Monday, July 10
Free Screening & Dialogue

Faith Lutheran Church - 4515 Dobie Rd, Okemos
7-9pm

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COME AND BE PART OF THE FORMATION OF A NEW ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENT

The ELCA task force on Women and Justice is working to write a social statement about the state of women and the justice issues that women face. This task force has created a study to invite ELCA congregations around the country to spend some time in conversation and learning together. They will take the feedback from these congregational conversations to help in writing the final statement, which will be released in September of 2019. This is a study for both women and men as sexism affects all of us! Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos will be hosting a series of these seven studies beginning on **Thursday evening, July 6, at 7:00 PM. The studies will take place for seven consecutive Thursday evenings** and the topics are as follows:

THIS WEEK

July 6 – Intro and Definitions, Why do we need to talk together?

July 13 – What problems do women face, and what does justice require?

July 20 – How is sexism personal, and how are we the body of Christ together?

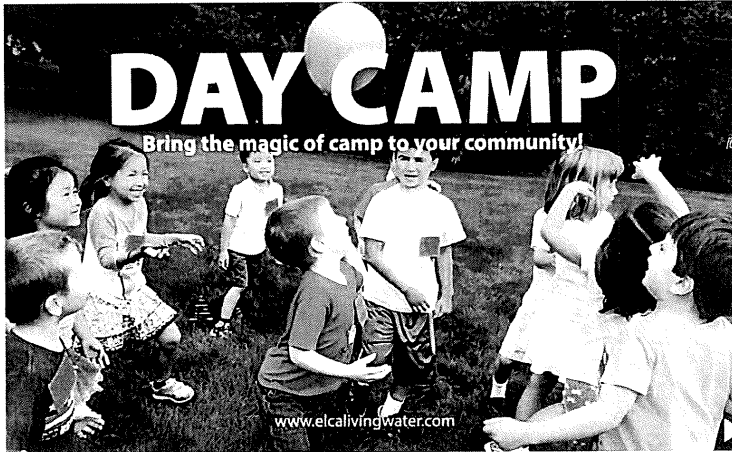
July 27 – What does economic sexism look like, and how can we seek equity for all?

August 3 – How can we address violence against women and girls?

August 10 – Why do words and images for God matter?

August 17 – How do we challenge the misuse of Scripture against women and girls?

If you are interested in being a part of this conversation as we participate in the formation of a social statement, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



August 7-11, 2017

Enjoy the love of Christ in your community! Join us at Bethlehem, August 7-11, Monday through Friday, 1:30-6:30 pm for our Summer Day Camp, a week of excitement leading up to our Faith, Family, Fun Day on Saturday, August 12.

We will rotate through various activities: Bible Study, Arts and crafts, recreation, music and worship, nature activities and more, all with a lot of singing, dancing and games. Each day will include a nutritious dinner.

Ages are 5-12. The cost is **FREE** for non-members, guests and friends. Member registration is \$15 per youth or \$25 per family. Scholarships are available, and donations are always welcome!

Complete and return the registration form by as soon as possible and call the church at 482.3225 with any questions.

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