

Welcome to Faith Lutheran

July 9, 2017



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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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You also can find the audio available on Faith's website under worship
Sermons

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

Special music

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

Who I'd Like to Be

The summer afternoon was a pleasant relief after a burdensome time of turmoil, the kind of day that beckons crowds to outdoor markets, parks, patio cafes, or ice cream stands.

A man and woman were sitting at a small table, squeezed among many lining a lively sidewalk coffee shop. Their unguarded conversation didn't match the day's lighthearted mood. Weariness could be heard in his voice. While watching people pass by, he asked his friend a question, already having his own answer. "Do you see anyone you'd like to be?" It was a sad question with an equally sad stretch of silence trailing behind his wilted words.

Nodding into the crowd, he said, "See, that's who I'd like to be." His companion glanced blankly at the busy sidewalk. "Who?" she asked, as a man with two children neared their table. She turned to see the man. His deliberate strides through the congestion evoked strength and control. Hoisted upon his shoulders, held high above a field of heads and caps, was a child. Running behind, a boy lurched, long steps from wobbling legs struggling to catch up.

She began, "Why that man?" "No, not him. I can't carry anything more. There's been way too much. I'm tired of having to be strong." Clearly she was puzzled. "The boy, running?" "Not him. I've been running so hard, so fast, so long, I can't keep up." She said nothing more. Her friend pointed to the child being carried on the man's shoulders, his legs dangling free of his weight, his arms yoked easily around the man's neck. "Him. I'd like to be him."

The couple watched, saying nothing to each other as the three disappeared into the distance.

Listen to Jesus. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heaving burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Sunday, July 9, 2017
5th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to the day

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Wood

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

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.

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

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The King of glory

Refrain
Em Bm⁷ Em



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

Em Bm⁷ Em




O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

G C Bm/D D⁷ G



- 1 Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
- 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
- 3 Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
- 4 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
- 5 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en.

Em CM⁷ G/B CM⁷ D⁷ G *Refrain*



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of ag - es.
he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
he took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
and he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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Music: Israeli traditional

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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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through 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: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

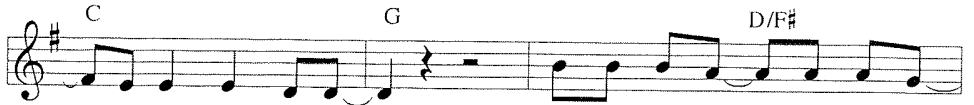
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I Will Delight



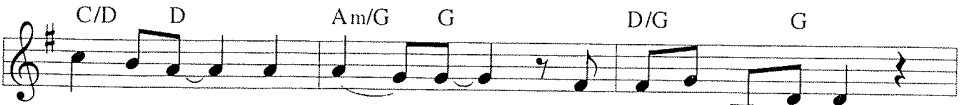
I will de - light in the law of the Lord; I will med -



i - tate day and night. Then, like a tree firm - ly plant -



ed, I'll be ground - ed in your word. Bless - ed



is the one who fol - lows the way of the Lord;



bless - ed is the one.

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SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

A reading from Romans.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW #611

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.

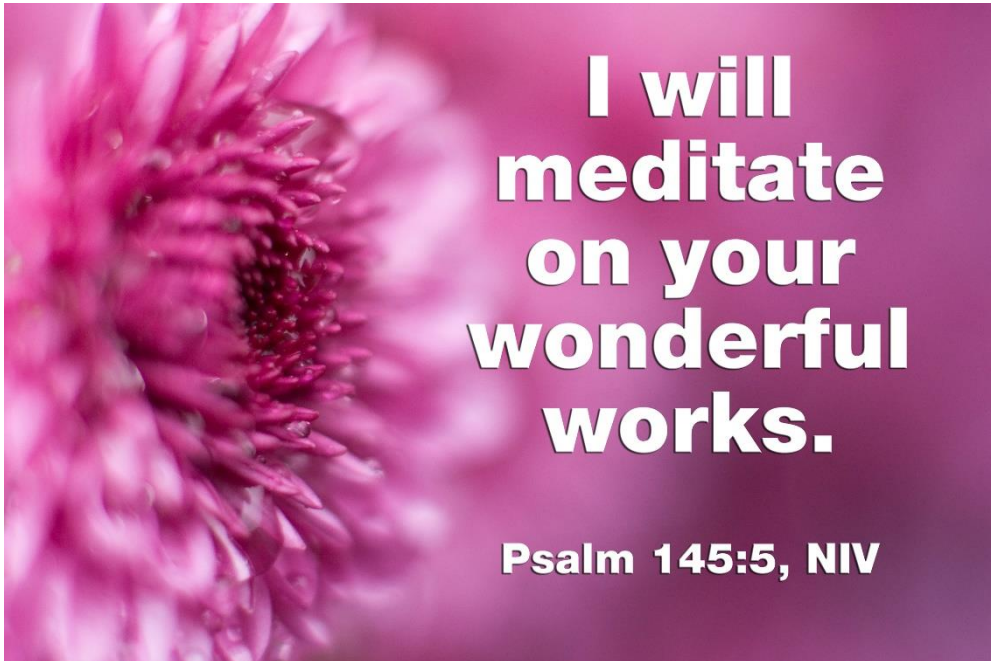
MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

"Softly and Tenderly"

Arr. Tornquist.



**I will
meditate
on your
wonderful
works.**

Psalm 145:5, NIV

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 G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

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

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW #742

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Day by Day

ELW #790

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

Go, Make Disciples

ELW #540

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Great is the Lord”

Smith, arr. Keveren

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“All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!” (Psalm 145:10, ESV).
Indeed, we gather to praise and bless the Lord. Welcome.

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Guest Organist/Pianist		Kathy Richardson

July 2, 2017 Attendance: 65

Serving Faith	July 9	July 16
Acolyte		
Altar Care		Gretchen Bills
Communion Assistants		
	Bob Shorman	John McPhail
	John McCracken	Brian Ransom
	Harold Sollenberger	Mike Eschelbach
Greeters	Bob Shorman	John McPhail
Lay Assistants	John McCracken	Brian Ransom
Readers	Mike Eschelbach	McCracken's
Ushers	Drew & Pam Williams	Connie Nelson
Nursery		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Family & Friends

July 9, 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, Scott Seeley, 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 Pastor Betsy Kamphuis and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Greenville, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offering	07/02/17	Year-to-date as of 05/30/2017	
Loose Cash	\$ 45.00	Income	\$108,983.20
Loose Checks	\$ 5.00	Expenses	\$125,992.28
Tanzania Water Project	\$ 1.00	Net Income	-17,009.08
RIC Banner	\$ 178.19		
Capital Repairs	\$ 900.00		
World Hunger	\$ 100.00		
General Fund	<u>\$5404.00</u>		
Subtotal	\$6333.19		
Simply Giving	\$2101.00		
Total	<u>\$8734.19</u>		

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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

Vase 1: The Belonga family in celebration of Taylor's birthday.

Vase 2: Ken & Ellen Milne in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

Monday, July 10th

7:00 p.m. America Divided Screening and Dialog

Tuesday, July 11th

Noon: Study in Pastor's office: All are Welcome!

Wednesday, July 12th

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

Thursday, July 13th

11:30 a.m. Caregivers Meeting

7:00 p.m. ELCA Social Statement Meeting

Friday, July 14th

Saturday, July 15th

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



Serving 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 school students are invited!
Please R.S.V.P. so we can secure enough drivers!**

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508094CAAA623A3F49-serve

**CALLING ALL MIDDLE
AND HIGH SCHOOLERS
TO “SERVE OUR CITY”**

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

Beer & Hymns

We are starting a new venture beginning on Sunday, August 6, at 5:30 PM. We will be hosting an evening of food, beverage and hymn singing upstairs at *Williamston Pub & Grill*. This event will take place on the 1st Sunday evening of every month. Come and join us for fun, fellowship and singing! You purchase your own meal and beverage and we supply the music and lead everyone in song! And, feel free to invite friends!



"Get Acquainted with Our Mission Partners"

Honduran Lutheran Church visitors

Tuesday evening, August 15, 6:00 PM

Four visitors from the Honduran Lutheran Church will visit our Synod in August. We will share information about our churches and faith experiences. The Honduran visitors will share with us what it means to be Lutheran in Honduras and talk about their many successes and challenges. Join us for a 6:00 PM potluck and time of fellowship as we learn from our mission partners in Honduras.

**Continuing the Conversation..... Thursday, July 20,
6:00 – 8:00 PM**

As we continue our partnership with ***Action of Greater Lansing*** and address issues related to racism, we will be hosting a follow up conversation based on the recent viewing of the documentary, **13th**. This conversation will focus on racial issues as they impact incarceration. Join us on for this event on Thursday, July 20, from 6:00 – 8:00.

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

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Monday, July 10
Free Screening & Dialogue
Faith Lutheran Church - 4515 Dobie Rd, Okemos
7-9pm

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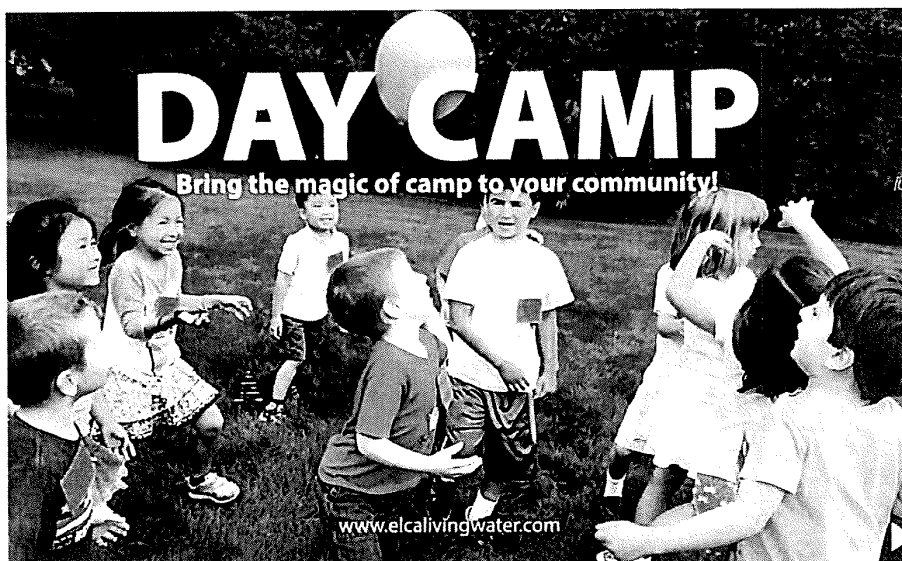


The Greater Lansing Clergy Forum

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Action of Greater Lansing





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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