

Welcome to Faith Lutheran

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The Parable of the Sower

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

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Undeterred Sower

Near the edge of the Sea of Galilee rest the ruins of the little fishing village of Capernaum. Ancient olive presses and grinding stones linger among black stone footprints of villagers' homes (including, many believe, Peter's) and the remnants of Capernaum's synagogue. Rising from the village is an unremarkable hillside. Jesus knew the place well.

Today, if you can find your way through a rusted gate, a twisting, dusty, hard-worn path reveals itself on that hill beside the sea. Camouflaged by untamed thistles and shrubs, it meanders along stony ground accented with twenty-first-century litter. Birds perch beneath unsteady shade on scaly limbs of scrubby trees. Small patches of coppery-green grain fields wave in muggy breezes.

It takes very little effort to imagine Jesus using the familiar landscape as inspiration to spin a parable. But this parable is not told to teach anyone then or now about the terrain. It is a story about the sower and about the seed he sows.

So what do you make of a sower who throws costly seed around with such reckless abandon? Over rocks, onto scabby, crusted ground, into brambles and thorns the seeds fly. It seems the sower is a wasteful fool. Does that sower have so much seed that there are no limits to the scattering? Why do the pecking birds give him no hesitation? Has he, perhaps, seen plants bear fruit in surprising places where birds dropped what they had snatched? Might this sower be thinking of all the times he noticed life that, beyond all reason, cracked stone and rose from behind rock? Was he picturing beauty in thistles that bloomed brave flowers?

The sower, risking the outcome, wasting seed, is up to something unpredictably grace-full among snatchers and takers, stubborn blockheads and encroaching bullies and brutes. God's grace has an infinitely wide reach, accomplishing more than we can imagine. May you find great joy in that good news today.

Sunday, July 16, 2017

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to the day

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

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

“Come thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Paul Manz

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

Lord God, We Praise You

ELW #558

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.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, 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: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The trees of the field

You shall go out with joy

Em

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,

D G C G D B⁷

and the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you.

Em

There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field

B⁷ Em/B B/A Em

will clap, will clap their hands.

D⁷ G C G D

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

G

The trees of the field will clap their hands.

C G D

The trees of the field will clap their hands,

B Am/C C^{#dim} B/D[#] Em

while you go out with joy.

Text L Steffi Geiser Rubin

Music: Stuart Dauermann

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SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

A reading from Romans.

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told

them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are the Seed

WOV #753

D A Bm D G

1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will
2 You are the flame that will light - en the dark, so re - splen-dent with
3 You are the life that will nur - ture the plant; you're the waves in a

A⁷ D A Bm G

shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a
hope, faith and love; you are the shep-herds to lead the whole world to
tur - bu - lent sea; yes - ter-day's yeast is be - gin - ning to rise, a

D G A⁷ D D A

bea-con to glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will
wa - ters and pas - tures of peace. "You are the friends that I
new loaf of bread it will yield. There is no place for a

Bm D G A⁷

bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear gold-en grain;
chose for my-self, you're the word that I want to pro - claim.
cit - y to hide, there's no moun-tain can cov - er its might;

D A Bm G D

you are a sting and a soft, gen - tle touch, to wit - ness where -
 You are the new reign of God built on rock, where jus - tice and
 let your light shine so that your lov - ing works give hon - or and

G A⁷ D *Refrain* A D

ev - er you go. Go, my friends, go to the world, pro -
 truth are at home." Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness,
 glo - ry to God. *Id, a - mi - gos, por el mun - do,*
Sed, a - mi - gos, mis tes - ti - gos

G G A⁷ D Em⁷ A⁷ Bm

claim the great love of God; mes - sen - gers to tell the way of life,
 from the dead Christ a - rose; "Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er - more,
a - nun - cian - do el a - mor, men - sa - je - ros de la vi - da,
de mi re - su - rrec - ción. Id lle - van - do mi pre - sen - cia;

1 2
 G A G A⁷ D

peace and par - don for all. till the end of the world."
de la paz y el per - dón. con vo - so - tros es - toy.

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

"God and God Alone"
Chris Lewis, solo

(McHugh)

Glorify
YOUR
NAME

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!

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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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.

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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ELW #484

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW #733

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

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW #550

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

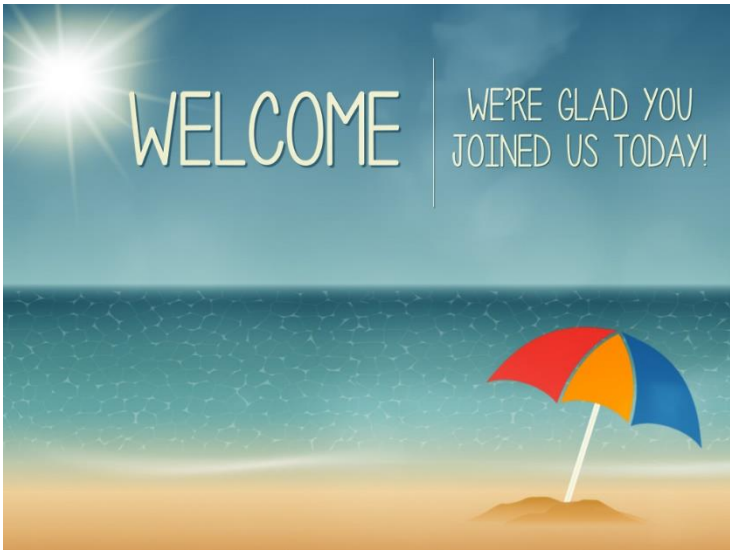
POSTLUDE

“Canzona in F major”

Domenico Zipoli

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Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church as we rejoice in the Spirit's gifts, receive God's Word and become refreshed to go forth and serve again in Jesus' name.

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July 9, 2017 Attendance: 91

| Serving Faith | July 16 | July 23 |
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| Acolyte | Brenna Seeley | |
| Altar Care | | Gretchen Bills |
| Communion Assistants | Brenna Seeley John McPhail Diane Wilke | Jim Crum Karen Whitmyer |
| Greeters | Mike Eschelbach | Jack & Natalie Dingledine |
| Lay Assistants | John McPhail | Jim Crum |
| Readers | Diane Wilke | Karen Whitmyer |
| Ushers | McCraken's | Schultz Family |
| Nursery | Connie Nelson | Lauren Schultz |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Family & Friends

July 16, 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 Paul Kuhlman and the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church of Hastings, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

| Weekly Offering | 07/09/17 | Year-to-date as of 05/30/2017 | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Loose Cash | \$ 96.00 | Income | \$108,983.20 |
| Loose Checks | \$ 25.00 | Expenses | \$125,992.28 |
| Tanzania Water Project | \$ 175.00 | Net Income | -17,009.08 |
| Flowers | \$ 50.00 | | |
| Youth-Bottle Return | \$ 15.30 | | |
| Youth- Education Fund | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Samaritas Cards | \$ 10.00 | | |
| World Hunger | \$ 35.00 | | |
| General Fund | <u>\$3650.00</u> | | |
| Subtotal | \$4071.30 | | |
| Total | <u>\$4071.30</u> | | |

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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

Rich Weingarter in memory of his grandparents Bob and Eleanor Weingarter.

THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Today **July Tanzania Water Offering**

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Tech Committee

11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting

Monday, July 17th

August Newsletter Submissions Due!

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Safe Place Singing Camp Sanctuary Rental

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting at Pastor Ellen and Ken's home.

Tuesday, July 18th

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Safe Place Singing Camp Sanctuary Rental

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

Wednesday, July 19th

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

9:00 a.m. Music/Staff Meeting

11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Lunch at Coral Gables

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Safe Place Singing Camp Sanctuary Rental

7:00 p.m. Parish Ed Meeting

Thursday, July 20th

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Safe Place Singing Camp Sanctuary Rental

7:00 p.m. ELCA Social Statement Meeting
Friday, July 21st

Saturday, July 22nd
11:00 a.m. Movie “13” Follow-up Conversation

Continuing the Conversation.....

Saturday, July 22, 11 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

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.

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| IMPORTANT INFORMATION |
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Women's Choir

All Women are invited to join us for Women's Choir Sunday on July 30... we will rehearse on Thursday eve, July 27 at 7:00, then head out for fellowship and drinks



QUARTERLY
Meeting

Please plan to join us for the next quarterly meeting on Sunday, July 30th immediately following worship service.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Beer & Hymns

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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!

****Handouts to invite your friends and neighbors are available in the narthex****



Community Picnic

Sunday, August 28th 4-7 p.m.

**More information further in the
bulletin.**

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. Personal need items are also helpful. Toilet paper, toothbrushes/paste, feminine products 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**





**CALLING ALL MIDDLE
AND HIGH SCHOOLERS
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 school students are invited!
Please R.S.V.P. so we can secure enough drivers!**

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508094CAA623A3F49-serve

FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

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, August 14th.**

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

"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.



COMMUNITY PICNIC & CONCERT

FEATURING:

SUMMER OF SOL

FAJITAS CATERED BY

WILLIAMSTON PUB & GRILL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

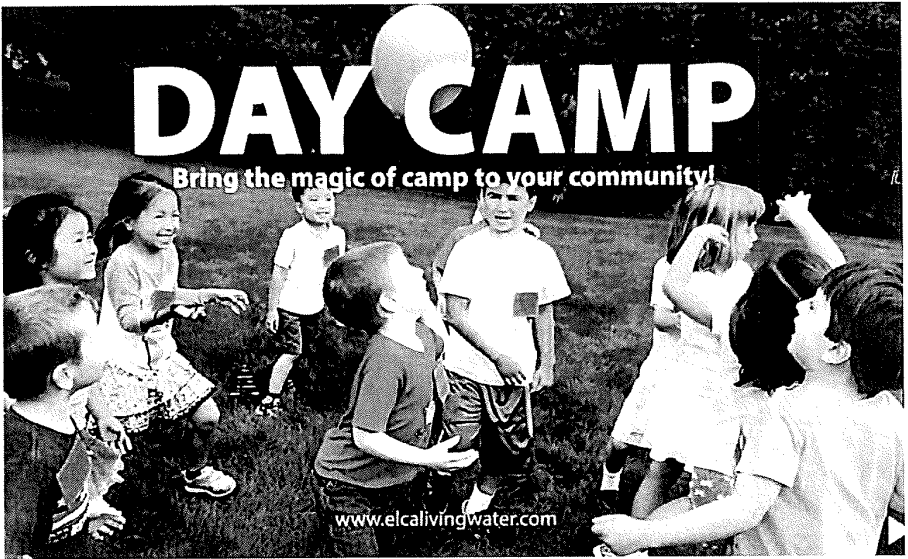
4:00 – 7:00 PM

**Enjoy Free Food & Live Music on
the front lawn of the church**

Games and Activities for Kids

Walk for Water Simulation Experience

(Handouts available 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.

Bethlehem
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