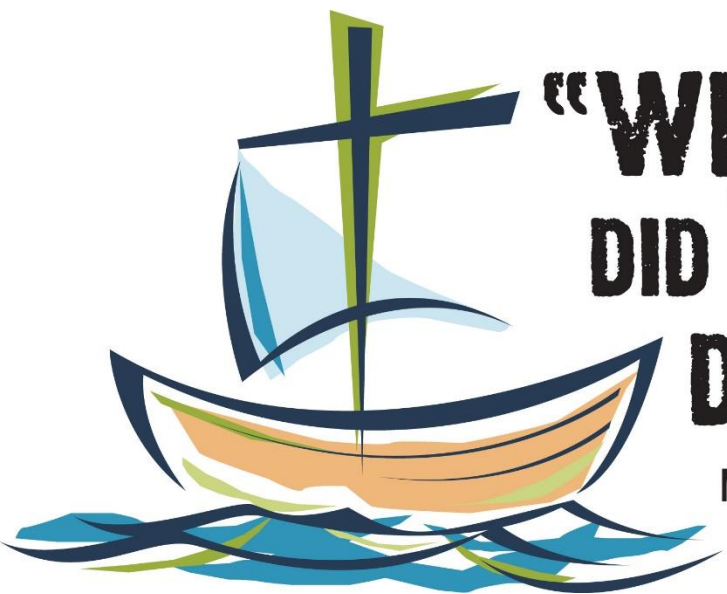


Welcome to Faith Lutheran

August 13, 2017



**“WHY
DID YOU
DOUBT?”**

MATTHEW 14:31

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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/category/special>

GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 13, 2017
LECTIONARY 19
Steadying Hand

This scene features a lot of vivid imagery: one can easily picture Jesus walking on the water, and Peter attempting to do the same. For most of us today, when we imagine trying to walk along the surface of a body of water, we likely take into account the law of gravity, and unless we're talking about a frozen lake in the middle of winter, we just can't wrap our minds around it.

But gravity wasn't what came to the minds of the disciples as they saw their Lord walking across the water toward them. It wasn't that Jesus was defying gravity, but that he appeared to be a ghost. Naturally, the disciples were afraid. So Jesus immediately revealed who he was and told the disciples, "Do not be afraid" (Matt. 14:27).

Often fear is accompanied by doubt. A child who is told that nothing is hiding underneath her bed still might wonder if something is. A teenager could be afraid to invite his crush to a school dance, even though friends have confirmed that the feelings are mutual. Many people fear losing their job to a more experienced person. And although Jesus identified himself to the disciples while he was on the waves, it still wasn't enough to convince Peter. And even when Peter got his proof and stepped out onto the water, still the doubt was there, and Peter began to sink.

Despite Peter's doubt, Jesus remained with him and immediately reached out his hand to save him. Jesus was there with the disciples on the stormy sea. He reached out to Peter. Jesus will also reach out to us in our own fears and doubts, rescuing us when we begin to sink and telling us, "Do not be afraid."

Worship Plan for Sunday, August 13, 2017

Lectionary 19

Proper 14

10th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

Sunday, August 13, 2017

Introduction to the day

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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

"My Life Flows On"

arr. Lani Smith

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW #756

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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

A reading from 1 Kings.

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave

seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

A reading from Romans.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.”

⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith" who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the

boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW #763

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

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*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:

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.
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

Pathetique Sonata, Opus 13

Adagio CantabileBeethoven

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!

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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.

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW #773

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

When Peace like a River: It Is Well with My Soul *ELW #785*

The assembly stands

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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

What a Fellowship

ELW #774

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

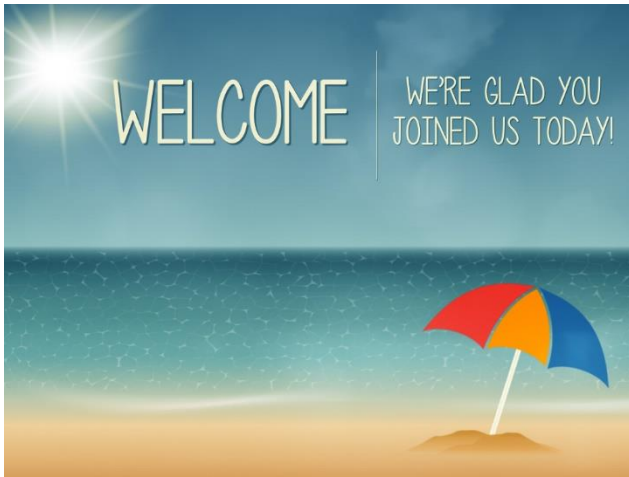
POSTLUDE

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

arr. Matt Hyzer

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Welcome to worship. As God fed Elijah in the wilderness so he could journey on (1 Kings 19:1-8), may God feed and strengthen you here today.

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

July 23, 2017 Attendance: 66

Serving Faith	August 13	August 20
Acolyte		
Altar Care		Gretchen Bills
Communion Assistants	Zachary Hereza	Deb Borton-McDonough
	Warren Heilman	Ken Schoepf
Greeters	Chris & Jean Lewis	Ken & Ellen Milne
Lay Assistants	Zachary Hereza	Deb Borton-McDonough
Readers	Warren Heilman	Ken Schoepf
Ushers	Schultz Family	Schultz Family
Nursery	Alexis Hereza	Jennifer & Maia Guenther

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Family & Friends

August 13, 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

September Faith Family News newsletter—
Please submit by Monday August 21
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, Erin, Al, Sai, Jeanne Hicks, Eshwar Lingamgunta, Robert Bordt, Jenn Leitch, Brian Johnson, Meredith, Jeanne and Leonard, Susan Heft, John Joseph Lanzetta, Manitta family, Loretta Milne, Bethany Robison, Jean Smith, Scott Seeley, “Little Zee” (3 yr. old daughter of a friend of Brenda Kopf’s), Max Whitmyer 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 friends

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 Justin Walker and the congregation of Peach Lutheran Church of Holland, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offering	08/06/17	Year-to-date as of 06/30/2017	
Loose Cash	\$ 65.00	Income	\$125,282.19
Capital Repairs	\$ 25.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$149,363.44</u>
Tanzania Water Project	\$ 50.00	Net Income	-24,081.25
Youth-Confirmation	\$ 82.10		
Youth-Bottle Return	\$ 49.00		
Flowers	\$ 25.00		
World Hunger	\$ 75.00		
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 25.00		
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$3575.00</u>		
Subtotal	\$3971.10		
Simply Giving	\$2101.00		
Total	<u>\$6072.10</u>		

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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

Vase 1: Bob Scholle in memory of Diane's passing into God's Kingdom.

Vase 2: Amb's family in celebration of Ledith and Max's 61st wedding anniversary and the 27th wedding anniversary of their son Charles and his wife Karen.

THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

Monday, August 14th

9:30 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

12:30-5:30 "Serve our City"

7:00 p.m. America Divided Viewing and Discussion

Tuesday, August 15th

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

12:30-5:30 "Serve our City"

6:00 p.m. Honduras Partner Church Potluck

Wednesday, August 16th

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

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

12:30-5:30 "Serve our City"

5:30 p.m. "Serve our City" Cookout at Katie Love's Home

Thursday, August 17th

7:00 p.m. ELCA Social Statement Meeting

Friday, August 18th

Saturday, August 19th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Sign-up to help at the
Community Picnic!
Please see the table in
the narthex and
consider signing up
for one or more
opportunities to serve.



"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.

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.**

Following the screening, a panel discussion will be held featuring representatives from **Samaritas** and others who are involved in the work of immigration.

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, AUGUST 14
FREE SCREENING & DIALOGUE
Faith Lutheran Church - 4515 Dobie Rd, Okemos
7-9pm
Register at EventBrite
Questions: angela@oneloveglobal.org

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Action
of Greater Lansing



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**



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Personal Care Kits for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

With all the natural and man-made disasters around the globe, there is an ongoing need for the “Personal Care Kits” provided by Lutheran World Relief. The Women of Faith Stewardship Group has set a goal of putting together 40 kits during August and September before the October shipping date.



Each Kit will contain these items

- 1 Bath Size Towel in dark color (medium weight is best)
- 1 Adult Toothbrush
- 1 Heavy Duty Comb
- 1 Pair of Nail Clippers
- 1 Pair of Shoelaces
- 2 Bath Size Bars of Ivory Soap

A display board and collection box will be in the Fellowship Area. Thank you for your help in this project. Contact Charlotte Rasmussen if you have any questions

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

CARING COMMITTEE NEWS

In one month children in our community will be go back to school. They will need to start their day with a healthy breakfast. You can help make sure that happens by joining the Caring Committee in the annual Back-to-School Breakfast Bag Food Drive. Individuals, families and committees are encouraged to shop for any or all of the following items:

- Oatmeal
- Cold Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Canned Fruit
- Muffin Mix
- Juice
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Breakfast Bars
- Instant Breakfast Drinks



Place your food donations in the grocery cart between now and September. With cash donations we will purchase milk, bread and eggs. There will also be a sign-up sheet hanging on the Committee Information board.

Thank you Faith Family for your care, concern and desire to help others in our community in HIS name.

Wednesday Night Live!

Starting on Wednesday, September 13,

Faith Lutheran Church is the place to be!

We will be offering a meal for anyone in the congregation who wishes to come to church to eat (meals much like the Lenten suppers). The meal will be served from 5:45 – 7:00. We will be offering activities for all ages! Wednesday will be family night at Faith! The evening schedule will include:

- 5:30 – 6:00 Joyful Noise choir rehearsal
- 5:45 – 7:00 Meal served
- 6:30 – 7:30 Trinity, Confirmation, and *activities for younger children!*
- 6:30 – 7:30 Bell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 – 8:00 Book study for adults (*Harold Sollenberger will be leading the 1st study based on the book **Falling Upward** by Richard Rohr: Sign up in the narthex*)
- 6:30 – 8:00 Movies of interest for adults and older youth
- 7:30 – 8:00 Additional activities for kids
- 7:30 – 9:00 Chancel Choir

Our **Wednesday Night Meals** will be provided by different committees and groups within the congregation. A freewill offering will be taken at each meal. This money can then be used by the committee to further enhance their ministry work within the life of the congregation.

Please sign up your group or committee in the narthex.



IMPACT

LET'S SERVE TOGETHER!

EPHESIANS 6:7

MIDDLE & HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS

AUGUST 14-16
12:30-5:30

JOIN US EVERYDAY OR A FEW
R.S.V.P THROUGH THE SIGN UP LINK

[HTTP://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/508094CAAA623A3F49-SERVE](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CAAA623A3F49-SERVE)
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 4515 DOBIE ROAD, OKEMOS MI 48864
FAITHLUTHERANOKEMOS.ORG

**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/508094CAAA623A3F49-serve

WALK FOR WATER



The Youth at Faith will be putting together and leading people through the “Walk for Water” simulation at the Community Picnic on Saturday, August 26th.

All 9-12th graders who would like to help please email Katie at klove@faithlutheranokemos.org and plan to attend a “how to” meeting on Wednesday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. If you can’t attend the meeting please let Katie know! This is going to be an exciting and fun way to raise money for the Tanzania Water Project and help participants learn of the struggles of those who must walk for their water.

If you can help with the Walk for Water please sign up using the link below.

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

RALLY DAY



The “FALL KICK OFF” for Sunday School is Sunday, September 10th. Exciting activities and service projects are being planned and we can’t wait to kick off Sunday School with you!! All ages PK-High School are invited to come at 9:00 a.m. and be a part of the festivities. All Sunday School, Trinity & Confirmation teachers and parents are invited to attend to kick off the new year!

60 +/- Looking ahead:

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



Upcoming Caregiving Meeting

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 have started a new venture, Beer & Hymns. We are 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, beginning at 5:30 p.m. 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****

Join us for

**“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday
September 10, 2017**

A dedicated day of
service in our community.



Rally Day

GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS PROJECT DAY

**We will be doing God’s Work, Our Hands project
at ArrowTree Apartments. Please sign up in the
Narthex or on-line at:**

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

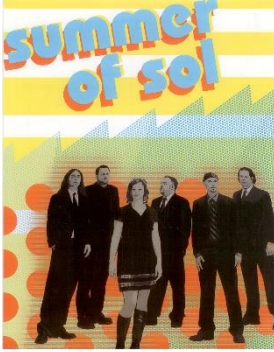
Faith Lutheran is the place to be on Sept 10th

**9:00 AM: Sunday School
 Service Project
 All are welcome**

10:00 AM: Worship

**11:30 AM Potluck luncheon with vision 2020 campaign
 launch**

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. God’s Work Our Hands.



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
from 4-6 p.m.**