

Welcome to Faith Lutheran

October 22, 2017

“Why are
you putting me
to the test?”



MATTHEW 22:18, NRSV

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



- To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .
..we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,
study and fellowship
..we **Equip** the people of God with a faith
that works in real life
..we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ
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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/>

Giving to the Giver

Does anyone really like paying taxes? Even though we know that money paid to the government helps fund important items such as roads, bridges, and public safety, the mysteriously small paycheck each month and the arduous accounting process each year remind us how much cash we must hand over. It doesn't end there, of course. If you've ever looked at a cell phone or cable TV bill in detail, or examined the fine print of your airline ticket, you know the reality of government fees and taxes. "Do I get to keep any of my money?" we cry in frustration.

On top of that, this is the time when many of our churches are discussing stewardship, budgets for the coming year, and the need for each of us to support the mission and ministry of the congregation and the wider church with our time, skill, and material resources. Give to God what is God's, we are told. And indeed, we should. But let us not give to God, or our neighbor who is served by our giving, as though we were paying a tax. Let us not give grudgingly, believing that stewardship is essential to retaining our salvation. Eternal life is not a bridge, road, or fire department, and we do not earn it with money or good works.

Rather, as we consider how and what we ought to give to God, let us remember that all we have—ourselves, our time, our possessions—are gifts from God, who loves us, cares for us, and sees to it that we have "daily bread." Even the government is a gift, given for the peaceful ordering of society. As we examine what we have and wonder if there is enough to give, let us first be grateful and rejoice that God has given us something to give.

Sunday, October 22, 2017

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Pledges

Introduction to the day

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of 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

“There's Just Something About that Name”

(Gaither)
Joyful Noise Choir

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the † holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Source of all life,
**we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.
We fear that we are not good enough.
We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.
We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.
Forgive us. Stir us.
Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation.
Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,
† God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW #693

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



Refrain
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, 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: Genesis 1:26

A reading from Genesis.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"I Will Call Upon His Name"

(O'Shields)

Joyful Noise Choir



Joyful **Noise**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

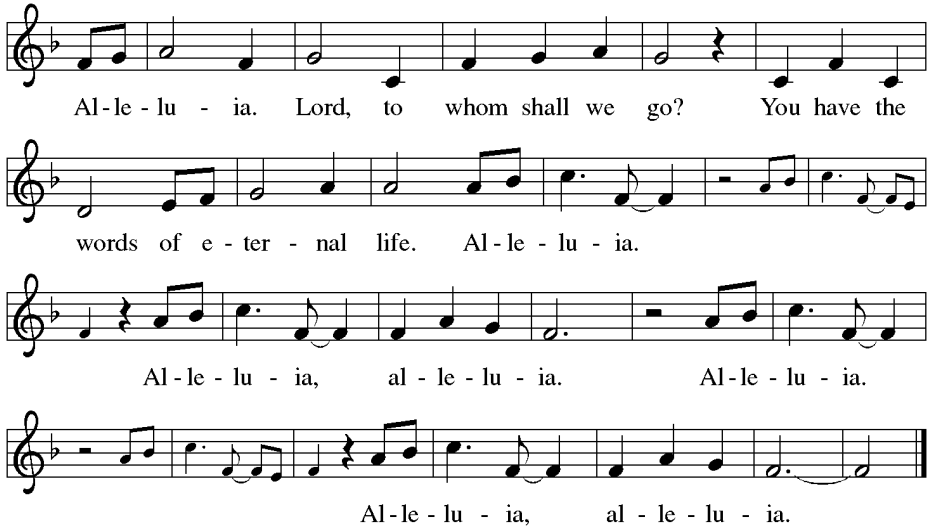
²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

During the singing of this hymn, 2018 pledge cards and time & talent sheets are brought forward.

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

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

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, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.
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.

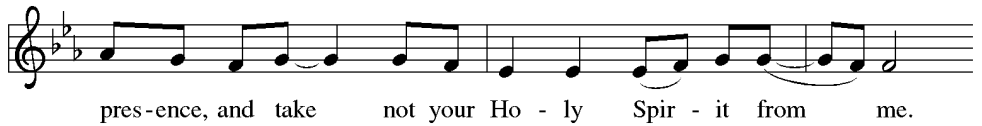
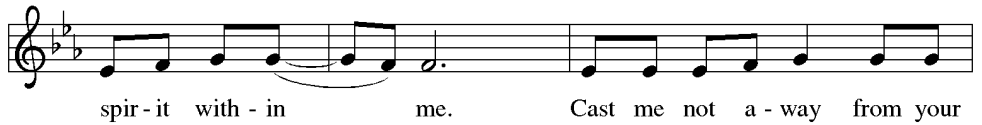
OFFERING

Guide My Feet

(Traditional Spiritual, arr.Hopson)
Chris Lewis, Soloist

OFFERING RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us Pray.

God of life,

you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.

Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

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.

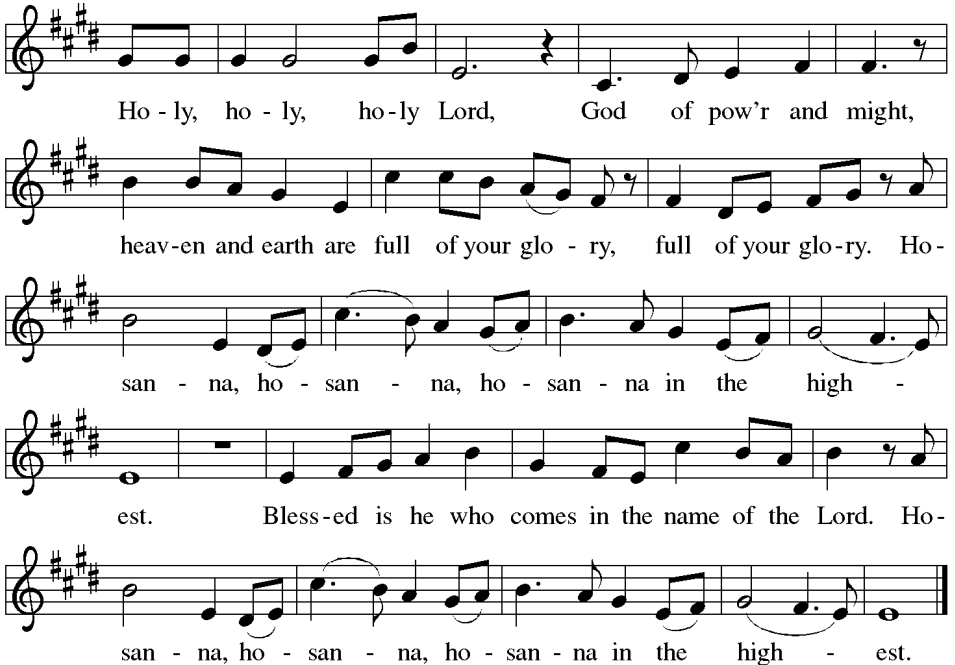
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

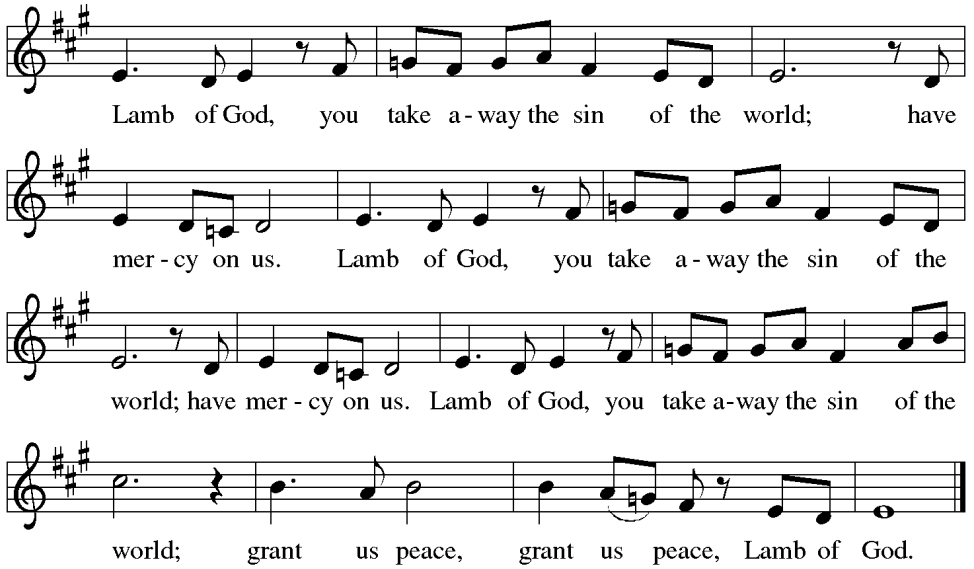
Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
and make us one with you.

COMMUNION

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

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Here I Am, Lord

ELW #574

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674

The assembly stands

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

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts
that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life
in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice
of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

ELW #694

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in Seven”

by John Rutter

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Good Morning! We gather in the name of Jesus! Please greet on another in peace.

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

October 15, 2017 Attendance: 112

	October 22	October 29
Serving Faith		
Acolyte	Juliana Lewis	
Altar Care	Rich Weingartner & Melinda Schultz	
Communion Assistants	Juliana Lewis	
	Alyssa Magyar	John McPhail
	Heidi Nussdorfer	Brian Ransom
Greeters	Jack & Natalie Dingledine	Rich Weingartner
Lay Assistants	Alyssa Magyar	John McPhail
Readers	Dine Wilke	Brian Ransom
Ushers	Doug & Linda Hirt	Doug & Linda Hirt
Nursery	Jennifer and Maia Guenther	Alexis Hereza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Family & Friends

October 22, 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

November Faith Family News newsletter—

Please submit by Monday, October 23

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 Dale Halvorson.
- ✠ Friends and family—
Harriet, Pat Belonga, Todd Barricklow, George Bach, 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, Tammy Heilman, Susan Heft, John Joseph Lanzetta, Johnathon Manitta family, Loretta Milne, Bethany Robison, Jean Smith, Scott Seeley, “Little Zee” (3 yr. old daughter of a friend of Brenda Kopf’s), Virginia Tashner, Max Whitmyer and the White family.
- ✠ 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. 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 Timothy Jahn and the congregation of Advent Lutheran Church of Lake Ann, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offering	10/15/17	Year-to-date as of 09/30/2017	
Loose Cash	\$ 37.00	Income	\$204,025
Loose Checks	\$ 30.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$221,382</u>
Building Fund	\$ 25.00		
World Hunger	\$ 70.00	Net Income	-\$17,357
Youth Nat'l Gathering	\$ 1025.00		
Flowers	\$ 25.00		
Tanzania Water Project	\$ 197.40		
Trinity	\$ 48.00		
Vision 2020	\$ 2200.00		
General Fund	<u>\$ 2675.00</u>		
Subtotal	\$ 6332.40		
Total	\$ 6332.40		

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Beth & Taylor Belonga in celebration of Keith's birthday.

THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship: Pledge and Time & Talent Sunday

Today we will again receive your annual Pledge Cards and Time & Talent Sheets during a special offering within the worship service. All that we have is gift. And, we are all called to share the gifts we have been given. We encourage you to prayerfully consider what you will give to the mission and ministry of this congregation over the next year. Your gift is important as we continue to participate in God's reconciling work in this community and the world. The Ushers have extra Pledge and Time and Talent Cards if you need one.

11:30 a.m. Evangelism & Outreach Meeting

11:30 a.m. First Communion Class Meeting in Library

6:00 p.m. Teens to Love's House

Monday, October 23rd

9:30 a.m. Ingham County Play Group

2:00 p.m. Women's Study

7:00 p.m. Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 24th

Noon: Study in Pastor Ellen's Office: All are Welcome

Wednesday, October 25th

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Meeting

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:45 p.m. Meal is Served: Provided by Confirmation & Quilters

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

6:30 p.m. Trinity & Confirmation

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 26th

11:00 a.m. Worship at Dobie Road

7:00 p.m. Book Study at Kim O'Brien's Home

Friday, October 27th

7:00 p.m. Youth to Best Corn Maize

Saturday, October 28th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

F.G.H Auction Recap:

Our grand total after expenses is \$4,103.09!!!!

7 volunteers helped at various times, 20 faith members donated, 3 faith groups donated, 15 outside vendors donated, 41 (36 adults, 5 children) attended, only 9 items not taken home (5 will be used in Garage Sale), 4 will be sold on Ebay.



Quarterly Meeting

The next Quarterly Meeting will be on Sunday, October 29th.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Sunday, November 12: Garage & Property Clean Up Day

Clean-Up Day

Please join us for the annual fall cleanup on Sunday, Nov. 12, immediately following worship.



Sunday, November 19 – Guest Preacher

Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. David Sprang, will be joining us for worship on Sunday, November 19. He will be preaching on that Sunday and sharing information about the work of the Synod.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service followed by Pie Feast

On Wednesday evening, **November 22, at 7:00 PM**, we will be holding a Thanksgiving Service. Join us as we spend time giving thanks for all that we have been given. And, bring a pie to share. Following the worship service, we will feast on pie!

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Therefore, after much thought and conversation, we have decided to cancel the Sunday morning service and only hold our traditional Christmas Eve services, one at 4:00 PM and one at 10:00 PM. Please note that there will be **NO SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE on December 24**. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Ellen or one of the Worship Committee members.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Wednesday Night Live!

Every Wednesday! Meal Starts at 5:45 p.m.

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 Luther Movie Showing
7:30 – 8:00 Additional activities for kids
7:30 – 9:00 Chancel Choir

***Thank you to all the groups who signed up to provide the
Wednesday Night Meals!***

October 25th: Confirmation/Quilters

November 1st: Pastor Ellen

November 8th: Evangelism and Green Team

November 15th: Youth

November 22nd: Pie Fest/Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 29th: Membership Development

December 6th: OPEN

December 13th: OPEN

PLEASE JOIN US NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR:

A screening of the full-length MGM production of **Luther** starring Joseph Fiennes. In this epic feature film, Fiennes stars as Luther, the man whose defiant actions changed the world. The film is described by Movieguide as “engrossing, compelling and powerful.” It traces Luther’s extraordinary and exhilarating quest for the people’s liberation. At that time in history, regional princes and the powerful Church wielded a fast, firm and merciless grip on 16th century Germany. But, when Martin Luther issues a shocking challenge to their authority, the people declare him their new leader – and hero. Even when threatened with violent death, Luther refuses to back down, sparking a bloody revolution that shakes the entire continent to its core. education series for adults. Join us for dinner followed by the screening of this film.

Then, on **Wednesday evening, November 1**, adults will be able to participate in a **new educational opportunity**. Beginning at 7:00 PM on 11/1, we will be offering the educational **NOOMA series by Rob Bell**. Every week participants will view one of Rob Bell’s NOOMA series short films, each followed by discussion. These films explore our world from a perspective of Jesus. **NOOMA** is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion. In these films, Bell talks about the way in which Jesus lived with the awareness that God is doing something, right here, right now, and anybody can be a part of it. He encouraged his listeners to search, to question, to wrestle with the implications of what he was saying and doing. He inspired, challenged, provoked, comforted, and invited people to be open to God’s work in this world. Wherever he went, whatever he did, Jesus started discussions about what matters most, because for Jesus, God is always inviting us to open our eyes and join in. We invite you to come for dinner, view the short film and join in the discussion.

TONIGHT!



All 7th – 12th graders are invited for dinner and a study from 6-8 p.m. 4548 Seneca Drive (directly behind the church). Come for the whole time or stay as long as you can! Meetings take place every 2nd & 4th Sunday.

This week...

Wednesday, October 25th

6:30-8:00: Trinity and Confirmation Fun Night

Looking Ahead October:

October:

22nd: Sunday School (PK-6th), Teens Study (7-12 grade) at Katie Love's Home (6-8pm).

25th: T & C Halloween Fun Night (6:30-8pm)

27th: Youth Group Activity (Haunted House 6-8 p.m.) More information will be provided at Teen Night.

28th: Confirmation Review Class 9am-12pm

29th: Sunday School (Pk-6th), 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

November:

1st: Wednesday Night Live: Trinity & Confirmation 6:30-7:30; Pageant Rehearsal 7:30-8.

5th: Sunday School (PK-6th): First Communion

8th: Wednesday Night Live: Trinity & Confirmation 6:30-7:30; Pageant Rehearsal 7:30-8.

12th: Sunday School (PK-6th), Teens Study (7-12 grade) at Katie Love's Home (6-8pm).





Euchre Tournament Friday November 3rd @ 7p.m.

Come and join Membership Development for a fun night of Euchre. If you do not know how to play that's o.k.-we will teach you! Bring your own

beverage, we will provide a few snacks that won't get the cards dirty! If childcare is needed we can provide that for a donation for the Youth. Sign up in the Narthex on the Membership Development clip board. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Caregiving Meeting

November 9th: Getting Through the Holidays (Grief Support Focus) with Kris Abbey, Chaplin/Spiritual Coordinator for Hospice of Lansing.

December 14th: Sharing and Caring

Oktoberfest Luncheon ! A Visit to Luther's Germany Presented by John McPhail

***Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 11:30 a.m.
(Note that this is the 4th Wednesday***

**60 PLUS
OR MINUS**

John and Sue McPhail toured Germany, "Lutherland," this summer during the 500th Anniversary Year of the Reformation. John will be sharing pictures and experiences from this history-rich trip.

Bratwurst and beverages will be provided, you sign up to bring the salads and desserts (German or American!). Please sign up on the clipboard on the Faith @ Work display board in the narthex so we know how many brats to prepare and what dish you plan to share with us.



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The event is free; donations will be accepted for
supper and an offering will be taken up for
Samaritas

You are invited to a movie screening of National Geographic's *From the Ashes* at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 5th, after the 10 am service. About one-third of Michigan's electricity is generated from coal-fired power plants. *From the Ashes* puts a human face on the issues tied to the "war on

coal." The movie covers topics such as the future of the energy sector, risks to people's health and livelihood, and the environment. Please join us in a close examination and dialogue of the complicated issues tied to coal production from multiple perspectives.



ELCA ADULT MISSION TRIP

JANUARY 20-28, 2018

WE WILL BE DOING SERVICE WORK IN FLORIDA, SPENDING THE WEEK ASSISTING IN CLEAN-UP, REPAIR AND REBUILDING

Several of our ELCA churches are working together to plan this Mission/Service Trip. We will be traveling to Florida by bus & van. There will be space for 30 participants. At this point in time, the plan is to leave on Saturday morning, January 20, get to Florida on Sunday evening, January 21, and begin doing service work on Monday morning. We will work through Friday, then begin our return home on Saturday, January 27.

The authorities in Florida are still working on assessing the destruction in various parts of the state, so we do not yet know where we will be assigned and where our help is most needed. We will have more information regarding this by mid-November. However, the hope is that the cost per person will be around \$1,000 or less.

If you want to participate in this Mission Trip, please speak to Pastor Ellen or add your name to this sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Offering for ELCA World Hunger will be collected
Next Sunday!

Glimmers of hope

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At Boise Rescue Mission Ministries (BRMM), the meal is the first step.

"A warm meal can offer that first glimmer of hope," says BRMM President and CEO Bill Roscoe. "From there BRMM is able to address the root cause of homelessness and work with individuals to break the cycle of homelessness and transition to independent living."

In his more than 25 years of ministry, Bill has come to see that homelessness is not an isolated issue. That's why he insists on a holistic approach – addressing barriers to employment, untreated mental illness, spiritual thirst and more.

At five facilities in Southwest Idaho, BRMM offers three meals a day; emergency services like shelter, clothing and showers; employment programs; mental health services; a children's program; and drug and alcohol addiction recovery programs. In 2016, the mission served 347,477 meals, provided 144,930 warm beds, handed out 72,400 articles of clothing and helped 600 individuals transition from homelessness to independent living. BRMM's work is supported by ELCA World Hunger.

Craig* is a participant in BRMM's programs. Some of Craig's earliest memories are of growing up in a home where substance abuse was the norm. By the time he was 12, he was using drugs and alcohol. As an adult, he spent years living either in jail or on the streets. When he came to BRMM, it was for an immediate need.

"I didn't have any money," Craig says. "I came to the Mission to eat."

That meal led to something much bigger.

"That plate of food did more than just quiet Craig's growling stomach," Bill says. "It spoke to his soul and opened the door to three of our other key ministry areas that have profoundly changed his life."

Now, Craig not only has a safe place to live, but he is in recovery and has a relationship with God.

Your support of ELCA World Hunger helps make programs like these possible. Thank you.

**Name changed for privacy*

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