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Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for April 8-April 21

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- ✠ Members—Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow, Ellen Milne, Darrell Neves and Janice Taschner.
- ✠ Friends and family—
Harriet, Todd Barricklow, Greg Beckwith, Carol Coyer, Kay Coker, Chris Cotter, Terrie Becker, Brian Fent, Allyson, Heather, Erin, Al, Sai, Jeanne Hicks, Emily, Rod Kaschner, Eshwar Lingamgunta, Jenn Leitch, Brian Johnson, Meredith, Jeanne and Leonard, John Joseph Lanzetta, Johnathon Manitta family, Loretta Milne, Bethany Robison, Karen Smiley, Jean Smith, Scott Seeley, “Little Zee” (3 yr. old daughter of a friend of Brenda Kopf’s), the White family and Max Whitmyer.
- ✠ Our mission partner congregation—Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church
- ✠ Those in military service—Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks, Landon Belanger Melody and Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.
- ✠ Samaritas 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

April 8: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Ruth Overdier and the congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church of Northport, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

April 15: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Ellen Schoepf and the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church of Okemos, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

March 25: N/A		Year-to-date as of 2/28/18	
March 29th		Income	\$34,921
Michigan Refugee Hope	\$ 79.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$52,563</u>
Parish House	\$ 24.00	Net Income	17,642

April 1st:

Loose Cash	\$ 185.00
Loose Checks	\$ 10.00
World Hunger	\$ 10.00
Youth	
Bottle Recycle	\$ 15.60
National Sponsor	\$ 40.00
General Fund	\$5915.00
Disciple Study Book	\$ 9.00
Loaves & Fishes	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Subtotal	\$6194.60
Simply Giving	<u>\$2406.00</u>
Total	\$8600.60

April 8th

Loose Cash	\$ 86.00
Loose Checks	\$ 20.00
World Hunger	\$ 140.00
Butterflies	\$ 10.00
General Fund	\$2110.00
Michigan Refugee Hope	\$ 50.00
Parish House Project	\$ 100.00
Vision 2020	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
Total	\$3266.00

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sunday, April 8th:

Vase 1: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God from Marla Holle's family in honor of her birthday.

Vase 2: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Belonga family in memory of Keith's parents John & Pat Belonga.

Sunday, April 15th:

Vase 1: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Max & Ledith Amb's in honor of their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Vase 2: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Walter, Becca, Katy, Austin & Ciara in honor of Brenda's Birthday.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 8th

- 9:00 a.m. Intergenerational Event in Large Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

Monday, April 9th

Tuesday, April 10th

No Noon Study: Pastor Gone

Wednesday, April 11th

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION
- 5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 5:45 p.m. Meal is served: Served by Trinity
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
- 6:30 p.m. Trinity & Confirmation and activities for pk-3rd
- 7:30 p.m. Additional Activities for all kids
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 12th

- 11:30 a.m. Caregivers Meeting

Friday, April 13th

Saturday, April 14th

Sunday, April 15th

No Sunday School

- 9:00 a.m. Book Study with Tara Williams
- 10:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering
- 11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry

Following Worship: All Family Event

"The Great Surprise, Jesus is Alive!"

- 6:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes

Monday, April 16th

- 9:30 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 17th
Noon Study in Pastor's office

Wednesday, April 18th

7:30 a.m. Men's Study
9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION
5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:45 p.m. Meal is served
6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
6:30 p.m. Trinity & Confirmation and activities for pk-3rd
7:30 p.m. Additional Activities for all kids
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 19th

7:00 p.m. R.I.C Meeting

Friday, April 20th

Saturday, April 21st

ALL FAMILY EVENT COMING APRIL 15



Through hands-on activities and WOW! experiences come discover in surprising ways that **Jesus is Alive!!**



Sunday, April 15th immediately following worship. This all family event will last approximately 45 mins. Join us for experiments, games, photos, snacks and fun! The whole congregation is welcome! ** Please note there will be no

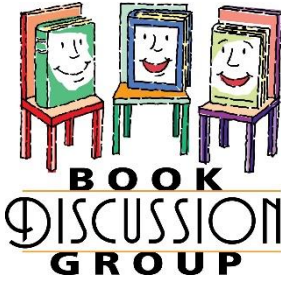
9:00 a.m. Sunday School on 4/15/18.

Please contact

klove@faithlutheranokemos.org with any questions or if you would like to help volunteer with stations or bring snacks.



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND STUDIES



UPCOMING BOOK STUDY

Tara Williams will be leading a discussion on the book "*Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life*" by Rowan Williams.

Together you will navigate what it means to be a disciple of Christ, and the different aspects of serving Him.

The discussion will begin April 15th at 9:00 am and will continue every Sunday, ending on May 13th. The cost of the book is \$8.50. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex!
Hope to see you there!

Next Quarterly Meeting: Sunday, April 29th following Worship

Parish House Updates/News

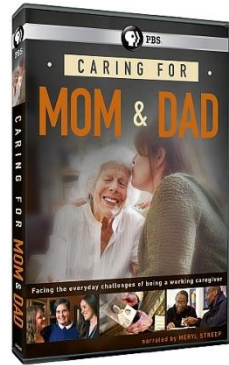
To help enable independence and encourage important life skills for budgeting and planning meals, we will be collecting gift cards to Meijer and cash donations for the youth for groceries. They have been working on these skills and we will continue to work with them as they move here beginning next week. Donations can be given at the regular offering time in a separate envelope marked "Groceries".

CAREGIVING
MEETING
APRIL 12, 2018 @
11:30

We will be watching *Caring for Mom & Dad*.

“American’s are living longer than ever before. Seventy-five million

baby boomers are entering their retirement years at a rate of 10,000 a day. The United States is not prepared for this unprecedented demographic shift-and the question we’re now all facing is: who will care for this aging population when they can no longer care for themselves? *Caring for Mom and Dad* offers an intimate look at the issues facing family caregivers who are out on the front lines, struggling to balance work, families, and caring for their parents. Families from around the country share their stories as the film examines the physical, emotional, and financial tradeoffs facing working caregivers and their employers. The film also highlights innovative ideas and community-based programs that are supporting family caregivers by asking, How can America adapt to this changing reality?”



**COME JOIN FOR A LITE LUNCH AND
DISCUSSION. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Mark your calendars for our upcoming
topics:**

May 10th – How to manage emotionally as the Caregiver when your loved one is placed in assisted living or long-term care facility. Speaker – Heather Kaslo

EARTH DAY SUNDAY

On Sunday, April 22, we celebrate Earth Day and the Green Team will be leading worship on this day. The Bible is full of beautiful language and theology for celebrating God's Creation. Earth Day Sunday provides an opportunity for us, as a church community, to focus on the theme of Creation. Since 1970, communities have taken one day each year to be especially mindful of the Earth and its many gifts: April 22. Soon after 1970, churches started celebrating God's creation on the Sunday closest to Earth Day. Join us on April 22 as we celebrate God's gift of creation.

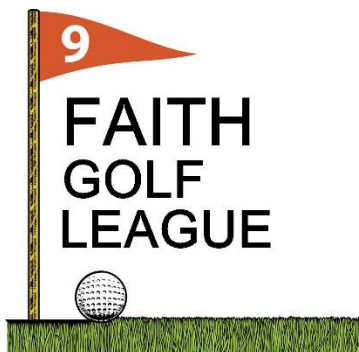


BUTTERFLIES FOR SALE!

On Sunday, June 3, we will be releasing live butterflies outside by our Butterfly Garden. Butterflies are the symbol of new life. And, as we celebrate the Pentecost season and the beginning of summer activities, we will be releasing painted lady butterflies to celebrate God's gift of creation. The Green Team is inviting you to order a butterfly for \$10.00. Following worship on June 3, you will be given your butterfly to release by our garden. This project is a Green Team fundraiser. A portion of the money earned from these butterfly sales will go to help purchase solar lighting for our church sign. Place your butterfly order by using the form in the newsletter or announcement booklet and turn it into the church office. All orders must be received by Sunday, May 20, which happens to be Pentecost Sunday!

****See order form in the back of the announcement booklet.****

FAITH LUTHERAN GOLF LEAGUE



ANNOUNCING - FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH GOLF LEAGUE

We are forming a Faith Lutheran Golf League. Find a partner and join by signing up on the sheet in the Narthex. You may partner with your spouse, a friend or even one of your kids. We will be meeting and playing on Thursday afternoon/evenings at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. Our first night of play will be Thursday, May 10, and our tee off time is 5:30 PM. The cost for the league is \$234/person, due to Wheatfield Valley on the second night of play. Cart rental is \$7.00 per week. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Ellen or Ken. A fun time will be experienced by all!

CHURCH RENTAL

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our Faith Lutheran facility is available for special events like showers, parties, weddings, etc. If you know of friends who are looking for a venue for such an occasion, please refer them to our Faith Lutheran website

www.faithlutheranokemos.org

Our Facility Rental Forms have now been posted on the website.

April:

- 8th 9 a.m. Intergenerational Class with Tara Williams in New Fellowship Hall. Entire Congregation Welcome. **No Teen Night Tonight**
- 11th 6:30-7:30 Trinity (4th-6th) Confirmation (7th-8th) and activities for (pk-3rd) 7:30-8 p.m. Additional Activities for kids.
** Trinity Makes and serves Meal**
- 15th No 9 a.m. Sunday School. All Family "He's Alive" Celebration following worship.
- 18th 6:30-7:30 Trinity (4th-6th) Confirmation (7th-8th) and activities for (pk-3rd) 7:30-8 p.m. Additional Activities for kids.
- 22nd 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-3 and Trinity 4-6, "Getting Ready" Teen Night 6-8 Loves House
- 25th **Last Wednesday Night Programing** 6:30-7:30 Trinity (4th-6th) Confirmation (7th-8th) and activities for (pk-3rd) 7:30-8 p.m. Additional Activities for kids.

May:

- 3rd Confirmand Dinner
- 6th 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-3 and Trinity 4-6, **Confirmation Sunday** Introductions of our Houston National Gathering Group.
- 13th: Happy Mother's Day! 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-3 and Trinity 4-6, Teen Night 6-8 **at Faith Church**
- 20th: 9 a.m.: Last Day of Sunday School. Houston Fundraiser Car Wash immediately following worship.
7 p.m. Mandatory Houston Youth and Parents meeting at Faith.

June:

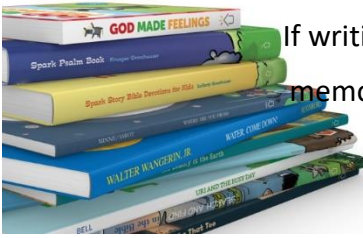
- 1st & 2nd Houston Fundraiser Yard Sale
- 3rd: Music Sunday and release of butterflies.
- 10th: Grad Sunday
- 27th: Leave for National Gathering!!

Shop faith-filled children's books at a special discount while helping the youth earn money for the

2018 ELCA National Gathering in Houston!

Check out the book fair table in the narthex and take an order form. Please return the form with your payment

(payable to Faith Lutheran Church) to Katie Love or Tara Williams by Sunday, April 15th.



If writing a check please put "Book Fair" on the memo line. Please see Katie or Tara with any questions!

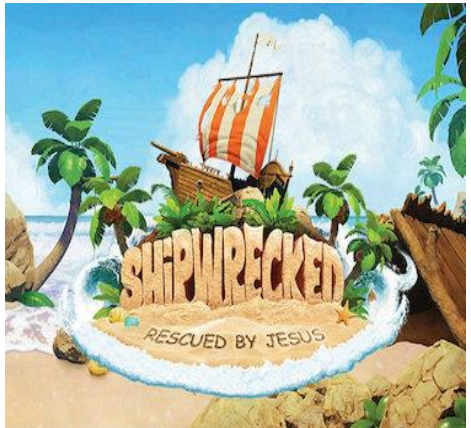
VBS: Save The Date 2018 VBS "Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus"

**Monday, August 6th –
Thursday, August 9th
5:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Light Dinner from 5:30-
6:00 p.m.
VBS from 6-8 p.m.**

**If you are interested in
volunteering please email
Katie at**

klove@faithlutheranokemos.org





Visit the SPONSOR Board in the Narthex to sponsor a portion of our trip to Houston!! Thanks for your support!

BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering
Houston Literacy Campaign



The teens going to the ELCA Youth Gathering are collecting books for the children of Houston as part of our offering. These books will be handed out at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city

as part of the Gathering's Service and Learning experience.

Ways you can participate

1. Place a monetary donation in the BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS box in the narthex. We will use that money to buy the designated books.
2. Use the list provided on the BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS table to purchase the books requested. **Please note ONLY books on the list will be accepted.** Books must be new or gently used. On the list there is a link to an amazon page that has all the books listed for purchase.

Please let Katie or Tara know if you have any questions!!

Thank you for your support!

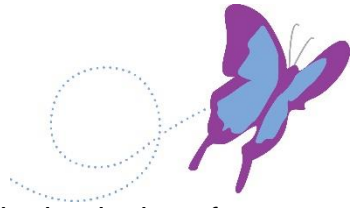
BOOKS of the BIBLE

The Trinity and Confirmation Students are challenged to learn the books of the Old and New Testament. Congratulations to the following students who have already mastered the books of the New Testament.

Austin Jones, Sean O'Brien, Lily O'Brien, Kaden Steinke, Olivia Love, Serena Ngasala, Rachael Ngasala, Atu Ngasala, Paige Lewis and Sami Ransom. Keep studying!! Challenge runs through April 25!

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Green Team Butterfly Order Form: Order Deadline: Sunday, May 20th

Quantity

Total Cost (\$10/each)

Name: _____

Dedication (if any): _____

Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church.

Please put "Butterflies" in the memo line.

Place this form in Katie Love's mailbox or the church office.