



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for May 6-May 19

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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 & Lisa 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

May 6: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Kari Fast and the congregation of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plainwell, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

May 13: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Joan Herbon and the congregation of Lord of Life Lutheran Church of Portage, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 6th

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Book Study in the Library
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: Confirmation Sunday
- 11:30 a.m. Worship Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Beer & Hymns and Williamston Pub & Grill

Monday, May 7th

- 9:30 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, May 8th

- Noon Study in Pastor's Office
- 6:30 p.m. Hearing on Social Statement at Sr. Paul

Wednesday, May 9th

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 10th

- 11:30 a.m. Caregivers Support Group
- 5:30 p.m. Golf League Begins

Friday, May 11th

Saturday, May 12th

- 9a.m -3p.m. New Fellowship Hall & Choir Room Rented
- 9a.m.-4p.m. Parish House Work Day

Sunday, May 13th

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Book Study with Tara Williams
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: Collect offering for Synod Assembly
- 3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

Monday, May 14th

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

Tuesday, May 15th
Noon Study in Pastor's office

Wednesday, May 16th
Samaritas Exhibit begins
7:30 a.m. Men's Study
9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION
6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 17th
5:30 p.m. Golf League

Friday, May 18th

Saturday, May 19th

Sunday, May 20th
9:00 a.m. Last Sunday School Pancake Breakfast: Older kids
to Panera Bread
ELCA Youth Gathering Car Wash Fundraiser
10:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering
11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry
6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes
7:00 p.m. Youth Gathering Teen/Parent Mandatory Meeting
Synod Assembly Begins



Grad Sunday is Sunday, June 10th. If you have a graduate that would like to be recognized please contact Katie Love by Sunday, June 3rd.
klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

FINANCIAL UPDATE

April 15, 2018 No Service		Year-to-date as of 3/31/18	
Simply Giving	<u>\$2952.00</u>	Income	\$77,633
Total:	\$2952.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$79,871</u>
		Net Income	\$-2,238

March 22, 2018

Loose Cash	\$ 46.00
Loose Checks	\$ 100.00
Youth	
National Gath.	\$ 250.
N. G. Sponsor	\$ 20.00
Bottle Recycle	\$ 30.20
Book Fair	\$ 80.00
N.G T-Shirt	\$ 24.00
Butterflies	\$ 60.00
Adult Ministry	\$ 65.00
Facility Rental	\$ 840.00
Books	\$ 17.00
Capital Repairs	\$ 75.00
World Hunger	\$ 77.00
Flowers	\$ 110.00
General Fund	\$8830.00
Michigan Refugee Hope	\$ 38.00
Parish House Project	\$3290.57
Vision 2020	<u>\$1000.00</u>
Total	\$14,952.77

March 29, 2018

Loose Cash	\$ 30.00
World Hunger	\$ 25.00
Books	\$ 8.50
Flowers	\$ 75.00
General Fund	\$1550.00
Vision 2020	<u>\$3500.00</u>
Total	\$5188.50

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".

PARISH HOUSE WORK DAY – MAY 12

On Saturday, May 12, there will be a Parish House work day from 9:00 AM -4:00 PM.

We will be painting the fascia and soffits to get them ready for the new gutters which will soon be installed. We will also be putting some vents in the soffits. Please sign up if you can help during that time.



www.SignUpGenius.com/go/9040D4DACAB2EA46-paint



Refuge Lansing will be bringing their traveling exhibit to Faith Lutheran

Church from May 15-21. This exhibit was created to highlight the experiences of refugees and to celebrate the many ways they add to our community. The goal is to create a feeling of empathy, hope, understanding, and welcome. On May 20 during coffee hour, Michelle Haskell from Samaritas Refugee Youth Services will give a brief presentation and Q & A session about resettlement efforts in our community.

CAREGIVING MEETING –

COME JOIN US ON THURSDAY, MAY 10, 11:30 FOR A LITE LUNCH AND DISCUSSION. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming topics:

May 10th – Healthcare Changes and the Effect on Eldercare. This important topic will be presented by Shelly Rogers from the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program.

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.****



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!

May:

- 3rd 6:30 p.m. 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
20th: 9 a.m.: Last Day of Sunday School. Pk-3 Pancake
Breakfast: 4th grade and older walk to Panera.
Houston Fundraiser Car Wash during worship.
7 p.m. Mandatory Houston Youth and Parents meeting at Faith.

June:

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

Confirmation Sunday:

May 6th 2018

Congratulations & blessings to all our 2018

Confirmands: Adelle Dingleline, Owen
Kadrofske, Viktor Lewis, Atuganile Ngasala,
Griffin Ransom and Brenna Seeley.



Our New
Confirmation
Students



Youth Group Car Wash

Save the Date: Sunday, May 20th
the Youth Group will be having a Car
Wash during worship as a fundraiser for
the ELCA National Gathering trip to
Houston.

Save the Date:

Friday, June 1st & Saturday, June 2nd the Youth Group will be having a Yard Sale as a fundraiser for the ELCA National Gathering trip to Houston. Your donations to this sale will make it a success!! You can start



bringing in your items starting NOW. We will place them in a Sunday School room downstairs until the Yard Sale. Larger items may be placed in the garage. Please refrain from bringing clothing that this time.

Please see Katie or Tara with any questions.

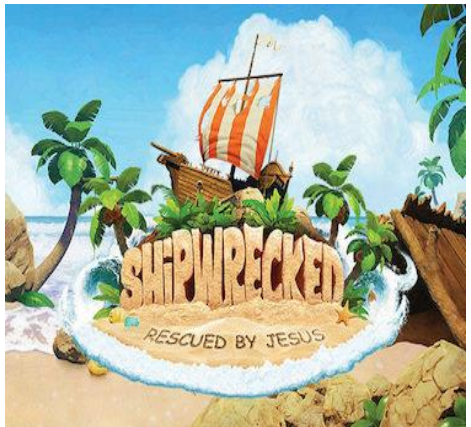
VBS: Save The Date 2018 VBS “Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus”

**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

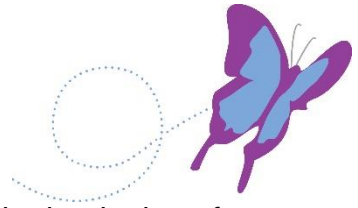
1. Place a monetary donation in the BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS box in the narthex. We will use that money to buy the designated books.
2. Use the list provided on the BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS table to purchase the books requested. **Please note ONLY books on the list will be accepted.** Books must be new or gently 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!

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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.