



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for September 9-September 22

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- † Members—Ellen Milne, Darrell Neves, Janice Taschner & Ken Whitmyer.
- † Friends and family—
Harriet, Todd Barriklow, Bill Baker, 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, Johnathon Manitta family, Kiersten, Loretta Milne, Patricia Rinehart, Bethany Robison, Karen Smiley, Jean Smith, Scott & Lisa Seeley, 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

September 9: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Travis Wilson and the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church of South Haven, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

September 16: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Bryan Schneider-Thomas and the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church of Sparta, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 9th

RALLY DAY!! Sunday School Begins

9:00 a.m. Sunday School PK-5th grade

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Rally Day Potluck!

Join us following worship for a potluck downstairs in the fellowship hall. Membership Development will provide sloppy Joe's and mac and cheese and drinks. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Games will be provided for the kids. We look forward to the start of a great Sunday School year!

3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

6:30 p.m. 9th-12th grade Youth Group at Love's House
4548 Seneca Drive, Okemos. Ends at 8p.m.

Monday, September 10th

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, September 11th

Noon Study in Pastor Ellen's office

Wednesday, September 12th

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMING BEGINS

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:45 p.m. Dinner is served

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Pre-K-2, Trinity and Confirmation classes begin

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 13th

5:30 p.m. Golf League

Friday, September 14th

Saturday, September 15th

11:00 a.m. "Are we Living in a Bonhoeffer Moment?" at
Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant

Sunday, September 16th

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. “Love Without Limits” Book Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering
- 11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes
- 6:30 p.m. Bar Theology

Monday, September 17th

- 10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, September 18th

Noon Study in Pastor’s office

Wednesday, September 19th

- 7:30 a.m. Men’s Study
- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner is served
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Bells Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-K-2, Trinity and Confirmation classes begin
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 20th

- 5:30 p.m. Last Golf League
- 7:00 p.m. RIC Meeting

Friday, September 21st

Saturday, September 22nd



Wednesday night meals and classes will begin on Wednesday, September 12th. The meal sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Please take a look and sign up your group or committee.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offering

Year to Date as of 8/31/2018

August 26, 2018

Loose Cash	\$ 23.00
World Hunger	\$ 68.00
Out of Order Doc.	\$ 200.00
Book Study	\$ 12.00
General Fund	\$3180.00
Parish House Project	<u>\$ 684.19</u>
Subtotal	\$4167.19
Total	\$4167.19

Income	\$168,275
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$177,936</u>
Net	\$ (9,661)

September 3, 2018

Loose Cash	\$ 27.00
Loose Checks	\$ 5.00
World Hunger	\$ 75.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
General Fund	\$5345.00
Parish House Project	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Subtotal	\$5527.00
Total	\$5527.00

60 Plus or Minus



Eating Well with Flavors You Love

Presented by Peggy Crum, RD, Nutritionist

Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 11:20 a.m.

Our own Peggy Crum has chosen early autumn as the time to present this program of special interest to senior citizens. Peggy's own herb garden will be providing many of these flavors you love! She promises demonstrations and flavor samplings that will help you minimize your salt usage. Peggy has been a practicing dietitian since 1977, and is currently on the staff of the Health4U Program at Michigan State University.

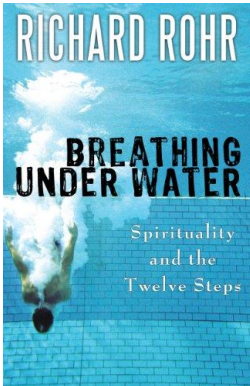
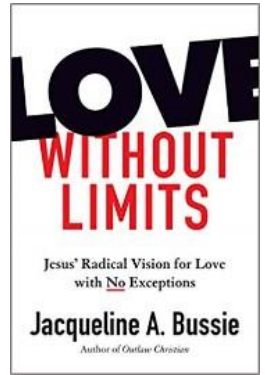
We will gather in the lower fellowship hall at 11:20 a.m. on September 26 so that Peggy's program can begin promptly at 11:30. Our own luncheon of salad and sandwiches will follow the program (food provided – bring yourself and a free will offering!)

Looking ahead: Pencil in on your calendar the 60 Plus or Minus lunch and program for October 24. Ellen Holste, a member of Faith, will be our speaker.

MEETINGS AND STUDIES

**New Book Study starting
Sunday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m.**

Kim O'Brien will be leading this book study of Jacqueline Bussie's newest book "Love Without Limits." Please use the sign up sheet in the narthex or call the church office if you would like a book ordered. The cost of the book is \$25.00. Contact Kim O'Brien with any questions. corey_and_kim@yahoo.com



**New Book Study starting
Wednesday, October 3rd
at 6:30 p.m.**

Join Harold Sollenberger for a book study of Richard Rohr's book "Breathing Underwater." Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or email the church office if you need a copy of the book. The cost is \$12.00 if a book is needed.

Parish House Updates/News



It's back to school time and the boys living in the church house are in need of some school supplies and school clothes as they return to school this fall. We will be collecting a special offering for back to school. You can donate a check to Faith Lutheran Church with "school" in the memo line at any time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Sunday, September 9th kicks off a
NEW PROGRAMING YEAR at
Faith!

Sunday School starts at 9:00 a.m.
for PK-5th Grade

Coming This Month

Sunday, September 9th: High School Youth Group (9-12th grade) 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Katie Love's House: 4548 Seneca Okemos. All are welcome to join as we take this night to plan out our year! Note: time change to 6:30 for this meeting only.

Sunday, September 23rd: Middle School Youth Group (6-8th grade) Time/place TBD.



High School & Middle
School Winter Retreat!

Grades 6th-12th

@ Grace Adventures in
Silver Lake, MI

February 8th-10th, 2019

This retreat **FILLS UP FAST**
so you must register by

Sunday, September 23rd. Please let Katie or Maddie know if
you would like your spot reserved!

Cost **\$109.00-** includes all activities, food, lodging and more. **No
money is due now, we just need to save your spot!!**

What is there to do at Grace??

Game Room, Bonfires, Gaga Ball, Climbing Tower, Reball, Open
Gym, Tubing, Snowshoes, Broomball, Horseback Trail Rides,
Volleyball, Wagon Rides, Lawn Games, Photo Booth.

This camp has great accommodations and *inside cabin restrooms*

😊 Looking forward to a great time!!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Out of Order Documentary Community Screening

Tuesday, September 25

Faith Lutheran is joining together with 5 other community churches to host a community screening of *Out of Order: Queer Pastors Redefining Church*. *Out of Order* is a groundbreaking feature documentary revealing the complex and painful struggles faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) faith leaders.

The free screening will be held on Tuesday, September 25, at Studio C! in Okemos. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the event starting at 7:00 p.m. and lasting about 2 hours.

Contact Rich Weingartner or the church office for more information and to obtain your free tickets. While the tickets are free, we ask that you get a ticket to ensure seating is available. Some tickets may be available at the door. More information about the documentary is available at

<http://www.outoforderdoc.com/>

GREEN TEAM NEWS –

The logo for Consumers Energy, featuring the company name in a blue, sans-serif font. The text is partially enclosed by a thick, green, curved swoosh that starts from the left and ends on the right, curving upwards and then downwards.

The Green Team is planning a **Consumers Energy Workshop/Luncheon event for Sunday, September 30, following worship.**

Consumers Energy representatives will be here to share information regarding the Helping Neighbors Program they are offering to customers. This program encourages customers to have a Free Energy Audit done on their home. Faith Lutheran Church will get credit for all energy audits done using the Faith Lutheran code that has been provided for us (FAITHLU18).

If 50 homes, ***anywhere in the state of Michigan***, have this done, Faith Lutheran Church will receive \$500 from Consumers. If we are able to get more homeowners to register and receive this free audit, we could receive up to \$2,000 from Consumers.

September 30 will be the kick-off event for this fundraising effort. The Green Team hopes to raise enough money to eventually put more insulation in the attic of the Parish House and replace the front window of the house with something that is more energy efficient. Consumers Energy desires that we have 50 people attend this kickoff/informational luncheon. *A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex* so Consumers knows approximately how much food they will need to provide.

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.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP



Tiny Pantry now at Faith Lutheran Church **"Take what you need Leave what you can** **Little becomes much in the Master's Hand"**

The 4th-6th graders made this Tiny Pantry during VBS 2018. The pantry is located near the driveway of the Parish House. Help us keep this pantry full of non-perishable food items. Your help is greatly appreciated. Please contact Katie Love with any questions.

klove@faithlutheranokemos.org



PERSONAL CARE KITS for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

With all the natural and man-made disasters around the world, 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 the month of September before the October shipping date.

Each kit will contain these items

- 1 Bath Size Towel- dark color, medium weight
- 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 basket will be in the Narthex. Thank you for your help in the project. Contact Charlotte Rasmussen if you have any questions.