



## Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for October 21-November 3

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### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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Please lift up in prayer this week:

- † Members—Sally Knoll, Ellen Milne, Darrell Neves, Janice Taschner & Ken Whitmyer.
- † Friends and family—  
Harriet, Michael Bennett, 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**

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October 21: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Karleen Kinker and the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church of Three Rivers, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

October 28: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Paul Busekist and the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Traverse City, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

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NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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Sunday, October 21

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
9:00 a.m. Book Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering/Green Team Leads Service  
1:30 p.m. Harris Nature Center Color Walk  
3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group  
6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes  
6:30 p.m. Bar Theology

Monday, October 22

- 10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, October 23

Noon Study in Pastor Ellen's office

- 7:30 p.m. Session 2: Film Series on Faith & Race at Faith Lutheran

Wednesday, October 24

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study  
9:30 a.m. Quilters  
11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Meeting at Faith  
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  
6:30 p.m. *Breathing Underwater* Book Study  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 25

- 11:00 a.m. Worship at Dobie Road

Friday, October 26

Saturday, October 27

**For the Living of These Days** Are We Living In A "Bonhoeffer" Moment?

**Session 2 –11:00am – 3:00pm**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1747 W. Milham Ave., Portage, MI 49024

Sunday, October 28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. “Love Without Limits” Book Study

10:00 a.m. Worship/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles

11:30 a.m. Quarterly Meeting

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group at Love’s House

Monday, October 29

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

7:00 p.m. Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 30

Noon Study in Pastor’s office

Wednesday, October 31

7:30 a.m. Men’s Study

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

9:30 a.m. Quilters

No Wednesday Meal or studies

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 1

Friday, November 2

Saturday, November 3

Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rented

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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**September 30, 2018**

Year to Date as of 9/30/2018

Loose Cash	\$ 97.75
Loose Checks	\$ 25.00
Facility Rental	\$ 300.00
Flowers	\$ 75.00
Book Study	\$ 25.00
General Fund	\$2715.00
Parish House	\$ 100.00
Subtotal	\$3337.75
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$3337.75</u></b>

Income	\$210,082
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$232,575</u>
Net	\$ (22,493)

**October 7, 2018**

Loose Cash	\$ 49.00
Loose Checks	\$ 30.00
World Hunger	\$ 96.00
Youth	
Bottle Recycle	\$ 38.87
Dinner Host 10/3	\$ 75.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
General Fund	\$3330.00
Subtotal	\$3643.87
Simply Giving	
General	\$2331.00
Capital Repairs	\$ 75.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$6049.87</u></b>

**October 14, 2018**

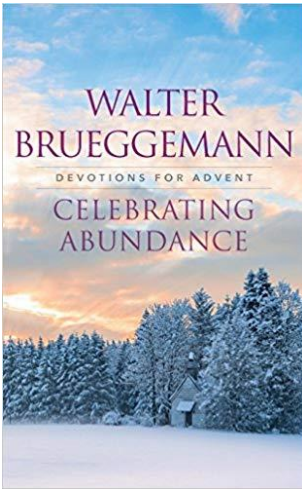
Loose Cash	\$ 19.00
Loose Checks	\$ 45.00
World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$ 634.00
General Fund	\$3370.00
Parish House Project	\$ 50.00
Vision 2020	\$ 100.00
Subtotal	\$4268.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$4268.00</u></b>

Quarterly Meeting
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The next Quarterly Meeting will be Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> following morning worship.

## Devotions for Advent



***Devotions for Advent: Celebrating Abundance*** by Walter Brueggemann  
Advent is coming! In fact, Advent begins on Sunday, December 2. Advent is really “not the kind ‘preparation’ that involves shopping and parties and cards. Such illusions of abundance disguise the true cravings of our weary souls. Advent is preparation for the demands of newness that will break the tired patters of fear in our lives.” (Walter Brueggemann – *Celebrating Abundance*.) So, we invite you to daily spend time in a short Advent devotion as we move toward Christmas. If you are interested in purchasing the book ***Devotions for Advent: Celebrating Abundance*** by Walter

Brueggemann, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex and we will order you your own copy. You can then devote a few minutes each day as we prepare for the newness into which God invites us. The book is \$10.00. Please put "Advent Book" on the memo line of your check.

## Parish House Updates/News

### Parish House Needs

We will continue to collect Meijer gift cards and cash donation for the youth for groceries. Donations can be given at the regular offering time or in a separate envelope marked "groceries". Thank you for your amazing generosity, it is greatly appreciated!!

Contact Kim O'Brien at [corey\\_and\\_kim@yahoo.com](mailto:corey_and_kim@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## Property Clean Up

The property team is having our annual Fall Cleanup on **Sunday, November 4th**. Any helper is welcome as we will be trimming trees and bushes, mulching, etc. Also, thanks to everyone who helped support the paving of the parking lot. It looks great.

# October

**21<sup>st</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) **\*\*Don't forget your T-shirt design\*\***

**24<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and confirmation (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**28<sup>th</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, High School Youth Group (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**31<sup>st</sup>: NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES**



The High School Youth Group will be doing a "Rake n Run" on Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting) if you live within 10 miles of the church and need some extra assistance raking your lawn please contact Katie Love in the church office.

# November

**4<sup>th</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at Love's House

**7<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and confirmation (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**11<sup>th</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) at Love's House

**14<sup>th</sup>:** 5:30 H.S. Youth Group serves dinner, 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and confirmation (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**18<sup>th</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, 3:00 p.m. H.S. & Middle School Rake & Run followed by dinner at Love's House.

**21<sup>st</sup>: No Wednesday Studies**

**25<sup>th</sup>: No Sunday School or Youth Group**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Special Sunday Event –  
October 21**

***Special Morning  
Worship Service***

***An Afternoon Nature  
Walk to enjoy the fall  
colors and feast on cider  
& donuts***

On Sunday morning, October 21, the Green Team will be leading worship. This service will focus on the theme “*Who Is My Neighbor in a Climate Threatened World?*” As Christians, we are called to care for creation and care for the poor. And, as we look at



the progression of climate change, these two areas of focus are intimately intertwined. When we look at the ecological changes taking place around the world, climate change is already displacing the most vulnerable in this world. In all major religious traditions, the message we are given is to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our neighbors are those next to us. They are those who are economically challenged, they are refugees and immigrants who are already being affected by climate change, and they are our children and future generations. And, caring for creation includes caring about all the elements, caring for all creatures on earth and all plants and vegetation. ***Join us for this special worship experience and then gather with us at Harris Nature Center at 1:30 for a Nature Walk where we can experience the fall colors and feast on cider & donuts***

60 +/- Next Meeting:

October 24, 2018

11:30 a.m.: Lower Level

Fellowship Hall

Our own Ellen Holste, PhD.

Shares a MYSTERY: HOW  
TRESS TALK!!



Come learn about the  
hidden, and mysterious world beneath our  
forests and their “internet” known as the  
**WOODWIDE WEB!**

Please bring a dish to pass and bring a  
friend!

Please sign up on the 60 +/- board (on the  
elevator side) in the Narthex.

Please come even if you miss signing up!

Any Questions or need a ride? Call Katie in the church office (349-  
0620) or Marla Holle (349-5265)



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Covenantal Restoration: A 12 session film series on faith and race**  
**Faith Lutheran Church's RIC Team and St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
**join forces to learn about and address issues of race within our**  
**culture.**

Racism and oppression have a long and painful past and present, it is an open, aching human wound that reflects a fracture in our relationship with God. Understanding how it was promoted and is still alive and acting out in the construct of our beliefs and systems and structures is the beginning of caring for this wound.

In this series on faith and race we pray God would bring you hope, renew your mind, enliven your spirit, and gift you with the virtues of the Divine's own heart. May God strengthen your stand, inspire your movement towards God's dream for humanity, and increase Kingdom square footage with each step you make in Love.

**We will be presenting this 12 session film series throughout this coming year, beginning in October. Beginning at 7:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening of each month, a film will be shown at St. Paul's, and on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month, another film will be shown at Faith Lutheran.**

**This is a listing of the next 2 scheduled showings:**

**10/23 – at Faith Lutheran – SESSION 2 //Restoration of Relationship with Reggie Williams**

**11/6 – at St. Paul's - SESSION 3 //The Idol of Whiteness with Jim Wallis**



## HURRICANE Recovery Efforts

### February Mission Trip to New Bern, North Carolina

Members of Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos, First Lutheran Church in Muskegon, Trinity Lutheran Church in New Era, and any other interested persons will be heading to New Bern, North Carolina February 2 – 10. We will be partnering with the members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church ([www.standrewnewbern.com](http://www.standrewnewbern.com)) in New Bern and their Pastor, Ted Rust, as they work to rebuild following a devastating hit by Hurricane Florence. Several of the families from St. Andrew lost homes in the hurricane. The whole area was devastated.

We will be traveling by bus, the First Lutheran Bus. The cost of the trip is estimated to be \$150 per person. We will be staying at **Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center**. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have further questions, please talk to Pastor Ellen.

### Ways to Give



We have 3 convenient ways to Give to Faith Lutheran. Please contact Tom Schrote if you have any questions.

1. **Offering Plate/envelopes** on Sunday mornings. Envelopes are available to use for Sunday morning offering. Please contact Tom if you would like them ordered for your family.
2. **Simply Giving**, your contributions are debited automatically from your checking or savings account on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. It works the same convenient way as your mortgage, utility, cell phone, or any other reoccurring bills you pay electronically from your bank account. Please contact Tom or Katie in the church office for an enrollment form.
3. **Newest Way to Pay: GIVE+ App.**: Supporting your church's mission is as easy as 1-2-3. With GivePlus Mobile your members and guests can express their generosity in the moment — right from the palm of their hand.

1. **Download the app**
2. **Find your church: Faith Lutheran Church, Meridian Township**
3. **Give**