



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for January 13- January 26

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- † Members—Walter Kopf, 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, Vicki Monroe & family, Patricia Rinehart, Bethany Robison, Karen Smiley, Jean Smith, Scott & Lisa Seeley, and the White family.
- † 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

January 13: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Tom Orth, UCC and the congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Alpena, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

January 20: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include the supply Pastors and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Alpena, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 13

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group at Love's house

Monday, January 14

Church office closed: Call Pastor Ellen with any urgent issues
517-974-5570

Tuesday, January 15

Noon: Study in Pastor's office: All are welcome!

Wednesday, January 16

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:45 p.m. Dinner begins served by Chancel Choir

6:30 p.m. Book Study Begins

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 17

Anti-Racism Workshop

Friday, January 18

Anti-Racism Workshop

Saturday, January 19

Anti-Racism Workshop

Sunday, January 20

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship: New Member Sunday/*Noisy Offering*

11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry

6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

Monday, January 21

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 22

Noon: Study in Pastor's Office

7:30 p.m. Series of Faith & Race at Faith Lutheran

Wednesday, January 23

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

2:00 p.m. 60 +/- Movie in the Library

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:45 p.m. Dinner begins served by Church Council

6:30 p.m. Book Study

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 24

11:00 a.m. Worship at Dobie Road

Friday, January 25

Saturday, January 26



Faith Lutheran will be welcoming new members on Sunday, January 20th. If you would like to become a member please contact Pastor Ellen or Katie Love

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klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

**The Annual Meeting will be held on
Sunday, January 27th following worship.**



ANNUAL MEETING

FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 30, 2018

Year to Date as of 11/30/2018

Loose Cash	\$ 62.00	Income	\$247,990
Loose Checks	\$ 5.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$275,604</u>
World Hunger	\$ 289.00	Net	\$ (27,614)
Flowers	\$ 75.00		
Youth	\$ 25.00		
General Fund	\$1780.00		
Parish House Project	<u>\$1383.44</u>		
Subtotal	\$3619.44		

Total **\$ 3619.44****January 6, 2019**

Loose Cash	\$ 37.00
Loose Checks	\$ 5.00
Pastor's Dis. Fund	\$1269.00
General Fund	\$1480.00
Parish House Project	\$ 200.00
Subtotal	\$2991.00
Simply Giving	
General	\$4146.00
Building	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

Total **\$7212.00****Vision 2020**

As of 12/31/2018

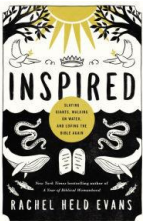
	Goal	Pledged	Paid	Due
Parking Lot	\$35,000	\$18,525	\$18,525	\$0
Pavilion	\$30,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$0
Trans. Fund	\$66,500	\$13,125	\$12,475	\$650
Audio/Video	\$35,000	\$ 6,700	\$ 6,200	\$500
Organ	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$ 1,865	\$22,135
MIDI	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$0
Not Designated	\$	\$37,013	\$36,013	\$1000

**60 +/- January Meeting
January 23 at 2:00 p.m.**

JANUARY 23, 2019 begins the new year of 60+/- with the showing of the film: **THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE**, a new first run movie that will keep you warm and informed about this heroic person. Popcorn, beverage, film and Faith friends: What better way to spend an afternoon?



The time will be 2 p.m. as in other years. Please let the committee know how many will be coming by signing the list on the Faith at Work board, (backside). If weather causes the closing of Okemos schools, know this film will be rescheduled. We'll be looking for you!! Feel free to bring a friend.



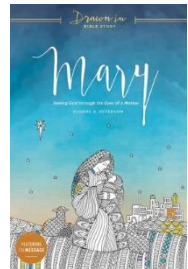
Book Study

Lois Neves is leading a book study on the book "*Inspired*" by Rachel Held Evans. This book study will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting was Wednesday, January 9th. Please feel free to join the book study at any time. Books can be purchased on Amazon or

by contacting the church office.

Book Study

Join Pam Williams starting Sunday, January 13th at 9:00 a.m. for a 4-week study of Mary. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Katie if you would like to sign up. Books are available for \$7.00 Please put "*Mary Book Study*" on the memo line of your check.



Congregational Art Project

CONGREGATIONAL ART PROJECT – Local artist and art instructor, Elizabeth Wylegala, will be working with us this year to create and construct a congregation art project. EVERYONE will be able to participate in creating this work of art. Elizabeth will join us, following worship, on several Sundays as we work together to participate in this venture. To prepare for this, please be thinking about the ways in which each of you live your faith in daily life, within the context of the greater community. Come ready to share that information. More information to come very soon!

Coming in March



March 1st & 2nd: Grand Rapids, Mi

Marriage Retreat: Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Cost \$129.99/couple. Fee includes registration, lodging on Friday night, Friday night dinner and Saturday morning breakfast. Contact Pastor Ellen with any questions.



March 8th -10th : Harbor Springs, Mi

Women's Retreat at Schultz's home in Harbor Springs. Sign up coming soon.

**DRIVERS
NEEDED**



Drivers Needed

We are looking for drivers for Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. to take the boys from Parish House to Williamston High School. Driving is needed starting Tuesday, January 8th. If you are able please contact [Kim O'Brien](#).

Many thanks!



**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) 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.

HELP



CRISIS

1st Sunday of the Month: Noisy Offering

With the government shutdown that is taking place, people connected to our Faith community as well as others in our greater community are beginning to feel the financial crunch. Money collected from this Noisy Offering will be available to assist people who have been furloughed as well as those in our surrounding community who will not be able to receive funds through some government food programs such as WIC. As people of faith, we are called to bear one another's

burdens. Therefore, throughout the duration of this shutdown, we will be taking a Noisy Offering on the 1st Sunday of the month for this purpose. This offering will go into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and will be available to anyone in need of some additional help during this time. The money can be dispersed

anonymously, if necessary, with only the Treasurer, the Pastor and the Secretary knowing the identity of the recipients. Also, people can always contribute to this fund at any time during the month as long as this trying time continues to challenge people's lives.

January:

- 13: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
- 16: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade)
and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 20: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 23: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade)
and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 27: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group at Faith
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
- 30: **HS Youth Group Serves Dinner**
6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade)
and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)

February:

- 3: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
- 6: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade)
and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 8-10: Middle & High School Youth to Grace Bible camp for
Winter Retreat!!!
- 10: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
- 13: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade)
and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 17: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 20: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade)
and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 24: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
- 27: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade)
and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)



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.

This 12 session film series continues to be offered on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday throughout the coming year. Beginning at 7:30 on the 2nd 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 scheduled showings:

This is a listing of the next few scheduled showings:

1/22 – Faith Lutheran – SESSION 7 //Refusing to be Enemies with Amal Nassar

2/12 – at St. Paul's – SESSION 8 //Covenantal Restoration with Terry LeBlanc

2/26 – at Faith Lutheran – SESSION 9 //Created for Abundant Life with Llewellyn MacMaster

3/12 – at St. Paul's – SESSION 10 //A Fuller Picture of God with Michael A. Mata

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**