



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

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- ✠ Members—Rita Barry, Walter Kopf, Ellen Milne, & Ken Whitmyer.
- ✠ Friends and family—
Terri Anderson, 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, Harry Nelson, 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

June 9: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Zachary Nelson and the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church of Elk Rapids, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

June 16: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Richard Stieve and the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church of Frankfort, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 9

10:00 a.m. Worship/Graduation Sunday

3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

Monday, June 10

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

6:00 p.m. Dinner Church

Wednesday Night Live will be suspended until mid-September, but it will be replaced by **Wednesday Night LITE!** We are beginning something totally new for the summer as we gather together on Wednesday evening for **DINNER CHURCH**. We will gather together each Wednesday to share a sacred meal, just as the first followers of Jesus did. Come and join us for a fully prepared meal as we eat together, explore scripture, offer prayers, sing together and experience the Eucharist. This worship experience is rooted in the patterns of the Early Church. If you cannot make it to worship on Sunday morning, come and join us on Wednesday evening!



Thursday, June 13

5:30 p.m. Golf League

Friday, June 14

Saturday, June 15

Large Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary Rental

Pride Parade

Sunday, June 16

10:00 a.m. Worship

Butterfly release following worship.

6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

Monday, June 17

8:30 a.m. High School Missions week

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 18

8:30 a.m. High School Missions week

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

7:00 p.m. *What is the Bible* Book Study at O'Brien's home.

Wednesday, June 19

8:30 a.m. High School Missions week

9:30 a.m. Quilters

6:00 p.m. Dinner Church

7:00 p.m. Evangelism and Outreach Meeting

Thursday, June 20

8:30 a.m. High School Missions week

5:30 p.m. Golf League

Friday, June 21

8:30 a.m. High School Missions week

Saturday, June 22

FINANCIAL UPDATE

May 26, 2019

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Loose Cash | \$ 5.00 |
| Loose Checks | \$ 50.00 |
| World Hunger | \$ 25.00 |
| Flowers | \$ 50.00 |
| Youth | \$ 25.00 |
| General Fund | \$1029.00 |
| Book Study | \$ 12.00 |
| Facility Rental | \$ 350.00 |
| Butterflies | \$ 60.00 |
| Samaritas | \$ 15.00 |
| Memorial | |
| Lois Sollenberger | \$ 500.00 |
| Vision 2020 | <u>\$20,000.00</u> |
| Subtotal | \$22,121.00 |

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| Year to Date as of 4/30/2019 | |
| Income | \$83,505.00 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | <u>\$103,678.00</u> |
| Net | \$ (20,173.00) |

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| Simply Giving | |
| General | \$ 100.00 |
| Total | \$22,221.00 |

June 2, 2019

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Loose Cash | \$ 89.00 |
| Loose Checks | \$ 105.00 |
| World Hunger | \$ 10.00 |
| Flowers | \$ 25.00 |
| Capital Repairs | \$ 25.00 |
| General Fund | \$ 4,080.00 |
| Facility Rental | \$ 100.00 |
| Parish House Project | \$ 22.80 |
| Green team Butterflies | \$ 168.00 |
| Audio Reimbursement | <u>\$ 50.00</u> |
| Subtotal | \$ 4,674.80 |

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| Simply Giving | |
| General | <u>\$ 100.00</u> |
| Total | \$4,774.80 |

Vision 2020 Update as of 5/31/2019

| | <i>Goal</i> | <i>Pledged</i> | <i>Paid</i> | <i>Due</i> |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Parking Lot | 35,000 | 18,525 | 18,525 | 0 |
| Pavilion | 30,000 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 0 |
| Trans. Fund | 66,500 | 13,125 | 12,875 | 250 |
| Audio/Video | 35,000 | 6,700 | 6,200 | 500 |
| Organ | 24,000 | 21,425 | 21,425 | 0 |
| MIDI | 9,500 | 9,500 | 9,500 | 0 |
| Not Designated | 0 | 37,013 | 36,013 | 1,000 |
| Total | \$200,000 | \$108,388 | \$106,638 | \$1,750 |

Ways you can help!



Let's keep our *Tiny Pantry* FULL!

Our tiny pantry in the parking lot is being used quite often. If you happen to see it running low please consider adding some items. Items that go the quickest are ceareal, penut butter, breakfast bars, oatmeal, tissues, toothpaste and laundry detergent. Please contact Katie in the church office with any questions.

June:

- 9: Graduation Sunday
17-21: High School Missions Week
23: 5-7 p.m. Bat House Assembly
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Grad Sunday

Graduation Sunday is planned for Sunday, June 9th. We hope you can join us for a cake reception following worship.



Mark your students' calendars!!

High School Missions Week
June 17-21

All exiting 8th-12th graders are invited to our High School Mission Week. We will be partnering with Helping Hands Christian Learning Center in Lansing, MI. June 17-20 we will be leaving faith at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 1:30 p.m. On Friday, June 21st all students who participated during the week are invited to join us for a fun outing.

Use this sign-up link to sign up your teen.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094caaa623a3f49-high>

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is an outreach ministry of *Redeemer Lutheran Church* and has been providing care in and around the greater Lansing community for over 23 years. Here we offer love and quality care to God's children. Come in today to see what we have to offer you and your family.

Sunday, June 23, Tanzania Water Project – *Join us as we hear from Dave Sacco, the engineer who serves as mentor to Yale Engineers Without Borders.* He will



be sharing with us updates on the Tanzania Water Project. In August of this year, the team will again travel to Tanzania. The construction goal for this year is to excavate more of the pond basin so it can hold more water. The team hopes to create another 5,000 cubic meters of capacity this year so that the pond can capture and store as much of the seasonal rainfall as practical. The overall program goal is to make enough water available in the pond during the dry seasons that livestock will no longer have to rely on water from the well and water tanks. Without competition from the economically important livestock, the clean, safe water from the well can be used by households for drinking and cooking. To support that goal, the team is preparing lessons to help community members understand the importance of water to health and the differences between the water sources that are available in Naitolia.

In addition, the team plans to spend time evaluating and measuring the existing system of pumps, pipelines and storage tanks that provides well water to some parts of Naitolia. That information will allow them to identify ways to make the water distribution system serve the community more reliably and predictably, as well as increasing the area covered by the system.

To read more about this project, here is a link to an article that appeared in the Yale News:

https://news.yale.edu/2019/02/12/students-hone-engineering-teamwork-skills-tackling-real-world-projects?utm_source=YNemail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=yalumni-02-14-19

In a recent communication with Pastor Ellen, Dave Sacco, the team mentor, reports, “We are looking forward to returning to Naitolia in August to resume work with a team including four Yale undergraduates, Tula Ngasala, faculty advisor Jordan Peccia, myself, TPP staff, and a Tanzanian engineering counterpart. I hope that the Faith Lutheran congregation will consider supporting our efforts again this year, and I will be happy to answer any questions you might have about our work so far and our plans for 2019.”

Join us on June 23 as we hear more about this effort. Through this work, we are doing the work of living into God’s dream for this world.

Butterfly Release, Sunday, June 16 – On the 16th, following worship, we will head out to our Butterfly Garden to release our live butterflies. **We will also dedicate our new Peace Poles.** The confirmation students worked on creating Peace Poles this year. The two Peace Poles near our Butterfly Garden have the words “May Peace Prevail on Earth” written on one side. On the other sides, our refugee friends will have written the same words in their native language.

New Member Sunday, July 14 - Join us on July 14, as we will again welcome new members into the Faith Lutheran Community. If anyone is interested in becoming a member of this Faith community and Pastor Ellen has not yet spoken to you, please contact her through the church office.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC – Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 24, from 4:30 – 7:00 PM.** That is the day of our annual Community Picnic! This year we will be **collecting school supplies** and giving out these school supplies to the children who attend the event. Therefore, to prepare for that event, we will begin asking for donations of school supplies on **July 1.**

Plan to join us on August 24 as we again enjoy music provided by **Summer of Sol** and delicious pork barbeque catered by The Watershed Bar & Grill.



Fill Out Postcards and then March with Faith Lutheran at Michigan Pride!

In continuing our commitment to our welcoming statement to share God's love with all - Faith Lutheran will again be participating in Michigan Pride in Lansing on Saturday, June 15. There are several ways you can participate.

After worship on Sunday, June 9, we will have a table set up in the narthex where you can write messages of affirmation and welcome on postcards. We'll have everything you need and some sample messages if you need a starting point. We will hand these postcards out during pride. These can have a huge impact on the people who attend pride, who often may have never heard before that God loves them unconditionally and exactly for who they are.

On Saturday, June 15, we will line up around 11:30 a.m. near Adado Riverfront Park and LCC to march in the Pride Parade which steps off at noon. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and march with us. Let us proudly and publicly proclaim God's love for all by having a strong showing in the parade!

We will also have a booth set up in the vendor area during the Pride Festival that runs from noon until the evening. If you would like to attend and help staff the booth, we'd appreciate additional people to help share the good news of God's love for all. We will be passing out free water as well.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Rich Weingartner, mathwhiz@mathwhiz.org or 517-927-4481.

QUILTERS, SEWERS, ASSEMBLERS and KNOTTERS are NEEDED!!!

WHO? Faith women/men and friends, youth knotters and learners, at home sewers and knotters, community quilters.

WHEN? Going on NOW: Wednesday Mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. (Or by arrangement).

WHERE? Faith Lutheran Church lower level rooms (guided tours anytime by arrangement). Sewing machines are available.

WHAT IS NEEDED? Throughout the year quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief as well as 80x60 quilts for Senior Centers and those in crisis. School & Personal Care kits for Lutheran World Relief are assembled in the Fall. For Samaritas, here in lower Michigan, small quilts are assembled for babies & children in foster care.

WHY? The quilts & kits for Lutheran World Relief are part of the 600,000 quilts and kits distributed across the world. We can help ease suffering for some of the world's poorest and most isolated people. Here in the U.S. the quilts comfort the sick and elderly, children disrupted by poverty and abuse, as well as those who are lonely and feel forsaken. It is what our Lord has given us to do in His name. What an opportunity!

OTHER NEEDS: *We need fabric!* Cotton or poly/cotton for tops & backs, prints or solids, polyester filler (to be ordered) cotton yarns for tying layers together (knotting).

Please join this fun, worthwhile activity. No dues, no excuses needed for time off! Just a couple of hours each week and a warm reception by those who are there!

Please call the church office or Marla Holle with any questions.

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