

# Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for June 23-July 6

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## NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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### Sunday, June 23

- 10:00 a.m.      Worship/Guest Speaker Dave Sacco with Engineers without borders at Yale University
- 5:00 p.m.      Middle/High School Youth Group Bat House building at Faith with Green Team. 5-7 p.m.

### Monday, June 24

- 10:00 a.m.      Meridian Township Playgroup

### Tuesday, June 25

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

### Wednesday, June 26

- 7:30 a.m.      Men's Study
- 9:30 a.m.      Quilters
- 11:30 a.m.     60 +/- Meeting
- 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 27

5:30 p.m.      Golf League

Friday, June 28

Saturday, June 29

Sunday, June 30

10:00 a.m.      Worship

Service at Burcham Hills: Contact Pastor Ellen with questions.

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

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

Wednesday, July 3

9:30 a.m.      Quilters

6:00 p.m.      Dinner Church

Thursday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5

Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 6

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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**June 9, 2019**

		Year to Date as of 4/30/2019	
Loose Cash	\$ 11.00	Income	\$83,505.00
Loose Checks	\$ 40.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$103,678.00</u>
Green Team	\$ 40.00	Net	\$ (20,173.00)
Sunday School			
Tanzania Bibles	\$ 24.00		
General Fund	<u>\$3333.00</u>		
Subtotal	\$3448.00		
Simply Giving			
General	\$4155.00		
Building	\$ 75.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7678.00</b>		

**June 16, 2019**

Loose Cash	\$ 35.00
Loose Checks	\$ 55.00
General Fund	\$ 2,660.00
MI Refugee Hope	\$ 67.00
Parish House Project	\$ <u>67.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 2,884.00
Simply Giving	
General	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,134.00</b>

**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
<u>Not Designated</u>	0	37,013	36,013	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$108,388</b>	<b>\$106,638</b>	<b>\$1,750</b>

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## 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 cereal, peanut butter, breakfast bars, oatmeal, tissues, toothpaste and laundry detergent. Please contact Katie in the church office with any questions.

## Coming this Summer

**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.

**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](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.

**We are updating our prayer list. If you have any additions or updates, please contact the church office.  
klove@faithlutheranokemos.org**

- Rita Barry
- Walter Kopf
- Ellen Milne
- Ken Whitmyer
- Sifa Ngasala
- John Joe Lanzetta: (update 6/12) relapsed from his 2<sup>nd</sup> bone marrow transplant.
- Todd Barriklow
- Carol Coyer
- Loretta Milne
- Scott & Lisa Seeley

Those grieving

- The family of Marla Holle following the loss of her grandson.
- Jean, who practices the organ at Faith during the week, for the loss of her sister.
- Bobby & Cody (friends of Kopf family)

-Our mission partner congregation

- Lansing Redeemer Church of Lansing

-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 friend.

-Northwest Lower Michigan Synod Prayer Partners

- Rev. Zachary Nelson and the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church of Elk Rapids, Mi.
- Rev. Richard Stieve and the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church of Frankfort, Mi.