



## Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for September 15-September 28

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### NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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#### **Sunday, September 15**

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Envy Book Study Begins
- 10:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering  
*Breakfast Bag delivery following worship*
- 1:30 p.m. Gods Work. Our Hands
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

#### **Monday, September 16**

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

#### **Tuesday, September 17**

- 10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup
- 12:00 p.m. Study in Pastor Ellen's office

#### **Wednesday, September 18**

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 5:15 p.m. Bible Study on Sunday readings
- 5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner is served
- 6:30 p.m. Movie Sponsored by the Green Team.
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
- 6:30 p.m. *Oh Jonah!* Musical
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, September 19**

5:30 p.m. Golf League (last night)

## **Friday, September 20**

Facility Rental

## **Saturday, September 21**

Facility Rental

7:00 p.m. Lansing Ignite Game

## **Sunday, September 22**

9:00 a.m. Holy Envy Book Study Begins

10:00 a.m. Worship

Flu Shot Clinic Following Worship

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

## **Monday, September 23**

## **Tuesday, September 24**

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

12:00 p.m. Study in Pastor Ellen's office

## **Wednesday, September 25**

9:30 a.m. Quilters

11:30 a.m. 60 +/- in the Large Fellowship Hall

5:15 p.m. Bible Study on Sunday readings

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:45 p.m. Dinner is served

6:30 p.m. Movie Sponsored by the Green Team.

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, September 26**

11:00 a.m. Dobie Road Service

## **Friday, September 27**

6:00 p.m. Appetizers and fellowship at the Islamic Center

## **Saturday, September 28**

All Day Facility Rental

Saturday, September 28, 9:30 - 4:00 Lansing First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa. Sponsored by the All Faiths Alliance for Refugees, there is no charge. Real Advocacy for Refugees - a learning, training event about ways to welcome and stand with and for refugees already here and for those still barred from entrance to our country.

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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**September 1, 2019**

		Year to Date as of 6/30/2019
Loose Cash	\$ 6.00	Income \$126,068.00
Loose Checks	\$ 0.00	<u>Expenses</u> <u>\$155,176.00</u>
World Hunger	\$ 45.00	Net \$ (29868.00)
Flowers	\$ 125.00	Council did not meet in August.
Green Team Movie	\$ 200.00	New Year to Date information will
General Fund	\$ 2155.00	be available following the 9/16
RIC T-Shirts	\$ 90.00	council meeting.
Book Study	\$ 22.00	
Ignite Soccer	\$ 66.00	
 Subtotal	 \$2709.00	
 Simply Giving		
General	\$ 100.00	
Building	\$	
 <b>Total</b>	 <b>\$2,809.00</b>	

**September 8, 2019**

Loose Cash	\$ 85.00
Loose Checks	\$ 25.00
Youth Car Was	\$ 433.00
General Fund	\$ <u>1270.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 1814.00
 Simply Giving	
General	\$4,155.00
Building	\$ 75.00
 <b>Total</b>	 <b>\$6,044.00</b>

## ATTENTION!

This coming Wednesday evening 9/25 will be the **last** Wednesday Night Dinner. Pizza will be served this coming Wednesday, so you are invited to come and

celebrate with us. However, as October begins, our Wednesday dinners will be discontinued. As happens with all things, some experiences just run their course and then we let go of them and make changes.



**Rehearsals for Oh Jonah have been cancelled.** This will no longer be on the schedule.

The Bible Study that has been taking place on Wednesdays at 5:15 will move to 4:00 PM, beginning on October 2nd. Pastor Ellen will instead offer a time of Soup & Study with those who are interested in participating. **Soup & Study will go from 4:00 - 5:00, beginning on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

60 +/-

**60 +/- BEGINS A NEW YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP, FUN INFORMATION AND YES! POTLUCKS!!**

**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. in the Faith Fellowship Hall: POTLUCK LUNCH**

**Program:** Barbara Mannino from Tri-County Office on Aging will share information about housing, home care, driving issues/transportation services, and many more related subjects. Tri-County represents no businesses, they only seek to educate and provide helpful information. A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex. Please sign up for a potluck item or to help with set up/clean up. Friends are ALWAYS welcome! For questions or help with rides please contact Marla Holle (517-349-5265) or Katie Love (church office, 349-0620).

## FIRST COMMUNION



Pastor Ellen will be holding First Communion classes for any children who want to begin taking communion. These classes will take place

following worship on Sunday, Sept. 29 and Sunday, Oct. 6. Children will then receive first communion on Sunday, Oct. 13. These classes will not be age specific. If your child is interested in taking communion, that interest and desire are all that is required for participation in these classes. If you are interested in having your child participate, please speak to Pastor Ellen or call Katie in the church office to have your child's name added to this list. These classes are for parents and children.



**FLU SHOT CLINIC FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON  
SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

Our own Suzanne Phelps, RN will be administering the flu shots.

*Flu shot (\$33), senior flu shot (\$50), Pneumonia (\$195)*

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

**INSURANCE:**

We bill the following insurances with flu vaccine coverage:

BCBS (except TEA prefix), BCN, Medicare & Medicare Advantage Plans, HAP(except CIGNA), Priority Health, Physician Health Plan.

*Photocopy of Insurance Card will be made.*

**CASH OR CHECK:**

Payable to Michigan Community Wellness VNA.

Questions:

Contact the Church Office or Suzanne Phelps (313)587-6732

**TWO EDUCATIONAL  
EVENTS  
LEARNING WITH IMAM  
SOHAIL CHAUDHRY  
AND PASTOR ELLEN**



You are invited to participate in two educational events this fall, one at the Islamic Center in East Lansing and the other right here at Faith Lutheran Church.

***Friday evening, September 27, from 6:00 – 7:30, at the Islamic Center***

The Imam and Pastor Ellen will be sharing time talking about **Peace & Justice** as rooted in our faith traditions. Our community is invited to join members of the Islamic community for this event. Appetizers and coffee will be served.

***Sunday, October 13, at 11:30 AM following worship, Luncheon at Faith Lutheran Church***

On this day, the Imam and members of the Islamic community will join us for a catered luncheon at Faith Lutheran Church. The Imam and Pastor Ellen will be talking about **Mohammed & The Prophets**. Because this luncheon will be catered, we need to know how many will attend. If you plan to come, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We invite you to consider participating in these events.

## PARIS TO PITTSBURGH



Join us for a FREE screening of **Paris to Pittsburgh**, a new documentary film from National Geographic, produced by RadicalMedia in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies -- narrated by Emmy® and Golden Globe® Awardwinning actress and activist Rachel Brosnahan (“The Marvelous Mrs.

Maisel”). This screening will take place at **7:00 PM on Tuesday evening, October 29, at Studio C Theaters in Okemos.**

This film is offered through Interfaith Power and Light. The Okemos screening is being sponsored by the following local faith communities: Williamston United Methodist Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, University Lutheran Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran Church, Haslett Community Church, Okemos Presbyterian, The Islamic Center in East Lansing, and Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos.

From coastal cities to America’s heartland, Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. And as the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they aren’t waiting on Washington to act. Learn about their incredible stories in **Paris to Pittsburgh**, and be inspired to create change in your own community!

**Join us at Studio C in Okemos on Tuesday evening, October 29, at 7:00 PM.** Following the screening, the Rev. Dr. John Schleicher, President of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light, will host a conversation about the movie.



**Faith Lutheran Church and Samaritas join forces to sponsor two Community Forums!**

On **Tuesday evening, October 15, at 7:00 PM**, Faith Lutheran and Samaritas will host a **Community Forum focused on IMMIGRATION**. Featured panelists on this forum include: Andrew Lorenzen-Strait, the Director of Children and Family Services at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services; Melanie Jones, Staff Attorney with Michigan Immigrant Rights Center; Amy Maldonado, Lansing area Immigration Attorney; and Farah Khalil, local refugee advocate.

Then, on **Thursday evening, October 17, at 7:00 PM**, Faith Lutheran and Samaritas will host a Community Forum focusing on issues transgender youth face. **This forum, to learn about TRANSGENDER, LGBTQ+ ISSUES**, will feature the following panelists in discussion: Andrew Lorenzen-Strait, the Director of Children and Family Services at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services; Melanie Jones, Staff Attorney with Michigan Immigrant Rights Center; Jay Kaplan, Staff Attorney for the ACLU of Michigan's LGBT Project; the Rev. Phiwa Langeni, Pastor of Salus Center, UCC; and Heidi Schaeztl, local school teacher. Courtney Isanhart, MSW, will moderate this event. This event also coincides with the opening of a Samaritas house for transgender refugee youth.

Notice that Andrew Lorenzen-Strait will be a panelist in both community forums. Before taking the job at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, he was a career government employee working as an ICE Agent. His background is extensive, and he brings a wealth of information to the topics of discussion at both forums. He will be coming from Baltimore to participate in these events and we are very fortunate to benefit from his presence to us. *(Copies of his biography are in the Narthex)* Come and invite friends to join you in attendance at these

## Donate Hygiene Items



**Lutheran World Relief**  
LWR continues to give aid to refugees and persons displaced by natural and human disasters. We are assisting by collecting items for Personal Care Kits and School Kits.

### **Each Personal Care Kit Contains:**

- One Bath Towel -medium weight in a dark color
- One Comb- heavy duty with large teeth
- One Pair of Nail Clippers
- One Toothbrush-adult size
- Two Bars of Soap – bath size, ivory preferred
- One Pair of shoelaces

### **Each School Kit Contains:**

- Four Spiral Notebooks – 70 pages each
- One Ruler- with both inches & centimeters
- Five Pencils- unsharpened with erasers
- Five Ink Pens-blue or black ink
- One Eraser- flat pink
- One Pencil Sharpener
- One Pair of Scissors -with blunt point
- One Box of Crayons- 16 or 24 count

**See the display boards and collection bins in the fellowship area during the month of September.**

**If you have any additions or updates, please contact the church office. [klove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:klove@faithlutheranokemos.org)**

- Allen
- Phyllis Shorman
- Marilyn Hogan
- Dale Halverson
- Brenda Kopf
- Walter Kopf
- Alisyn & Devin
- Rita Barry
- Ellen Milne
- Ken Whitmyer
- Sifa Ngasala
- Megan Marquez (Marilyn Hogan's daughter)
- John Joe Lanzetta
- Todd Barriklow
- Carol Coyer
- Loretta Milne
- Scott & Lisa Seeley
- Bob (Brenda Zynda's nephew in hospice)
- Bob Shorman's niece Lyndsey in hospital.
- Diane (Deb Borton's friend who has end stage cancer.)

Those grieving

-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. Kenneth Scheck and the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church of Hastings, Mi.
- Rev. Leslie Nye and the congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Herron, Mi.

# TRANSITIONAL FOSTER CARE

## Can You Help a Central American child waiting to be reunited with family?

Loving homes are needed in Lansing and Ann Arbor for  
short-term care for children

(5-13 years old) who have come to the US to  
reunite with family living in the United States!  
Placements are usually shorter than 90 days,  
during which time you can offer them a home,  
care, and support while their parents are located  
for reunification.

### **Foster Parents will receive:**

- Support from Samaritas staff
- A daily financial stipend
- Training opportunities



Contact Kayla Park at [RFCinfo@samaritas.org](mailto:RFCinfo@samaritas.org) or  
(517)321-7663 to learn more

Informational flyers are available in the Narthex.