



## Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for September 29 -October 5

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### NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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#### **Sunday, September 29**

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Envy Book Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship/Dedication of Quilts & Care Kits  
11:30 a.m. First Communion Class  
*Chairs will be removed from the Sanctuary following worship:  
Please assist if you are able.*  
6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group Event

#### **Monday, September 30**

#### **Tuesday, October 1**

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

#### **Wednesday, October 2**

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters  
4:00 p.m. Soup & Study  
6:30 p.m. Faith Bells  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

#### **Thursday, October 3**

Fellowship Hall Rental

#### **Friday, October 4**

## **Saturday, October 5**

## **Sunday, October 6**

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Envy Book Study  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Worship Committee  
11:30 a.m. First Communion Class  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

## **Monday, October 7**

## **Tuesday, October 8**

- Large Fellowship Hall Facility Rental  
10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup  
12:00 p.m. Study in Pastor Ellen's office

## **Wednesday, October 9**

- Large Fellowship Hall Facility Rental  
9:30 a.m. Quilters  
4:00 p.m. Soup & Study  
6:30 p.m. Faith Bells  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, October 10**

## **Friday, October 11**

## **Saturday, October 12**

**The Caring Committee** at Faith has started a Meal Ministry to those in need. If you know someone who just had a baby, or someone who had surgery or were hospitalized and could use a meal please contact either Pastor or Katie Love or Pam Williams 517-927-7703 or Lois Neves. 517-331-2057



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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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**September 15, 2019**

Loose Cash	\$ 17.00
Book Study	\$ 63.00
Ignite Soccer Tickets	\$ 170.00
Flowers	\$ 150.00
9/18 Dinner (chancel)	\$ 58.00
Facility Rental	\$ 50.00
Holle Speaker Series	\$ 42.00
Pairs to Pittsburgh	\$ 100.00
Youth Recycle	\$ 16.30
General Fund	\$ 4464.00
MRH	\$ 121.25
Parish House	\$ 171.25
Capital Repairs	\$ 525.00
Subtotal	\$5,947.80
Simply Giving	
General	\$ 100.00
Building	\$

**Total** **\$6047.80**

**September 22, 2019**

Loose Cash	\$ 185.00
World Hunger	\$ 100.00
Ignite Soccer Tickets	\$ 18.00
Parish House	\$ 50.00
General Fund	\$ <u>2848.00</u>

Simply Giving	
General	\$3,745.00
Building	\$ 25.00

**Total** **\$6,618.00**

Year to Date as of 8/30/2019

Income	\$180,444
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$203,919</u>
Net	\$ (23,475)

## 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>.**

## EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

**EDUCATIONAL EVENT**  
**LEARNING WITH IMAM**  
**SOHAIL CHAUDHRY**  
**AND PASTOR ELLEN**



***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.



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

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.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Faith will be presented a Whirl Study Bible. If you have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader we look forward to celebrating with your family during worship.

## 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

**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)
- Todd
- 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. Jessica Hahn and the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church of Hillsdale, Mi.
- Rev. Jessica Rivera-Walker and the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Holland, Mi.

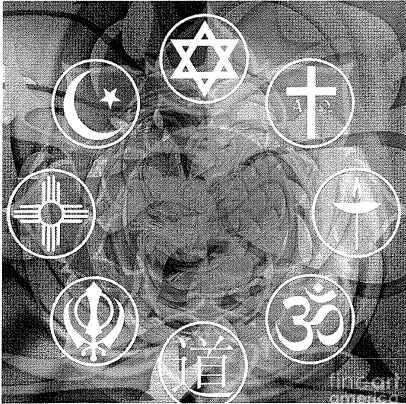




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## MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK



# FAITH AND MENTAL HEALTH

**Sunday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30PM - 6:30PM**

**Hannah Community Center**  
819 Abbot Rd, E Lansing

A diverse group of faith leaders will discuss their role in promoting mental health, spirituality, treatment recovery.

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