

Faith Family News

From the Pastor's Pen...

Dear Friends,

The following passages from scripture each communicate what is known as the Golden Rule.

So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12

And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. Luke 6:31

The second (commandment) is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:8-31

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:15

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the ELCA Council of Bishops recently voted to have our denomination join other denominations in a project that is being sponsored by the National Institute for Civil Discourse. Over the next year, congregations from many denominations throughout the country will be participating in a project called ***Golden Rule 2020: A Call For Dignity and Respect in Politics.***

On Sunday, November 3, our congregation is joining with many other churches around the country to observe *Golden Rule 2020*. Churches throughout the nation from both different denominations and points of view will begin doing two things: 1) offering special prayers for our country and 2) emphasizing the need to apply Jesus' teachings to our politics. It is a good time to do this since the next national election is one year from now and many of us are concerned about the prospect of an angry and hateful political campaign season that will further divide and demoralize our country.

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ACOLYTES

November 3	Maude Lewis
November 10	Paige Lewis
November 17	Isaac Webb
November 24	Maude Lewis

To sign up to acolyte please use the following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094caaa623a3f49-acolyte2>

ALTAR CARE

Brenda Kopf & Rich Weingartner (11/3,10) Cecelia Kramer (11/17,24)

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

See Acolyte, Lay Assistant and Reader.

GREETERS

November 3	Gail & Lowell Barricklow
November 10	Rich Weingartner
November 17	Bill & Pam Williams
November 24	Mike Eschelbach

LAY ASSISTANTS

November 3	Harold Sollenberger
November 10	Rich Weingartner
November 17	Jim Crum
November 24	Dane Webb

READERS

November 3	Warren Heilman
November 10	High School Youth
November 17	Linda Hirt
November 24	Natalie Dingleline

USHERS

November 3	Bowers/Whitmyer
November 10	Bowers/Whitmyer
November 17	Bowers/Whitmyer
November 24	Bowers/Whitmyer

NURSERY

November 3	Heidi Bowers
November 10	Connie Nelson
November 17	Lori Haven
November 24	O'Briens

We all know that America is painfully and bitterly divided. Everywhere we look we see mistrust and suspicion between our fellow citizens and a growing feeling that those who have different views are not just wrong, but dangerous or evil. Furthermore, people of different views are not able to talk to each other very well and there is often more name calling and personal attacks than real discussion. Sadly, this seems to happen between Christians of different views as much as it does others in our society.

Faith Lutheran Church will be observing Golden Rule 2020 because we believe that the teachings of Jesus offer a way out of our national dilemma. Indeed, Jesus' command to "treat others as we want to be treated" would completely transform our country if enough Christians followed that principle in our daily lives. Throughout the next year, we will be inviting you into brief times of scripture reading, prayer and reflection on this teaching we call "the Golden Rule" and how it might help heal our country. On Sunday, November 3, we will emphasize this in our prayers.

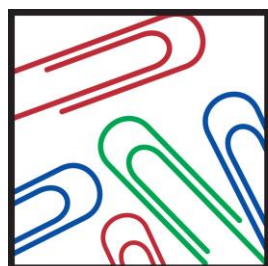
I pray that collectively as Christians we can live into the message of the Golden Rule and I pray for healing in people's lives.

In Christ,

Pastor Ellen

NEW OFFICE HOURS

**As of November 1st the Church Office hours will be
Monday-Friday 9 a.m.- Noon.**



Office Hours

Prayers for Health & Healing

Members of the congregation:

Dale Halverson, Brenda & Walter Kopf, Rita Barry, Ellen Milne, Ken Whitmyer, Phyllis Shorman, Marilyn Hogan and Sifa Ngasala.

Friends & Family:

Ruthie Gardner, Alisyn & Devin, , Jeanne Hicks, Todd Holle, Megan Marquez, Kathy, Todd Barriklow, Carol Coyer, Loretta Milne and Scott & Lisa Seeley.

Prayers of Intercession

- Our Mission Partner congregation: Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Those in Military service: Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks, Landon Belanger, Melody and Adam Wright, Tracy Tuthill, Joe Moore and Joe Galvin.

Please contact the church office at faith@faithlutheranokemos.org or 349-0620 to update the prayer list.

The website for **Prayer Ventures** is <http://www.elca.org/en/Resources/prayer-ventures>
Prayer Ventures is a guide to daily prayer for the ministries of the church produced by ELCA Communication Services on behalf of the whole church.



From the Property Committee

The Property Committee will have the annual Fall Cleanup day after service on **Sunday, Nov. 3rd**. We'll do the usual: trimming, leaves, etc. Please join us if you can. Contact Bob Nelson with any questions.



Green Team News

Saturday, November 2nd we will be helping Meridian Township at the Davis Foster Preserve -5120 Van Atta Rd. This is a really nice restored tall grass prairie - we are likely collecting seeds for future restorations. Meet there at 9:30. Sunday, Nov 3rd right after church we will be winterizing our Butterfly Garden during the church clean up.

ORGAN DEDICATION RECITAL



On November 24th, at 3:00 p.m. there will be an organ concert dedicating the new pipes and other enhancements to our pipe organ. These additions to our organ are a gift in memory of Lois Sollenberger and Carol Towl. Various organ works will be performed by Bruce, Kathy Richardson and Pastor Ellen. The concert will also be a benefit to raise funds to send to Tula Ngasala's parents' church in Tanzania. That congregation will be using this money to purchase hymnals and Bibles for their mission work in Tanzania. We invite you to join us as we not only remember Lois and Carol, but also celebrate the music of the church.

Care Packages for our College Freshmen

On Sunday evening, November 10, our Confirmation students will be assembling care packages for our college freshmen as well as the boys in the Parish House, two of which are in college. We presently have four members of our Faith Family in their first year of college: Kadin Bowers, Owen Dingledine, Sam Kadrofske and Walter Lewis. If you would like to contribute to these care packages, you will find a collection box in the narthex.



Caring Committee News

The Caring Committee has begun collecting food for Stuff the Stockings. We will be providing food for 20 Meridian Township families once again. This helps the families while their children are home over the school break where they usually get breakfast and lunch provided to them. Please look for the grocery cart in the narthex which you can put the donations in. We will also collect money to help with the cost of the milk, eggs and break we will add to the bags.



Needed items:

Peanut butter, jelly, snack bars, pop tarts, muffin mix, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruits, boxed cereals, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, boxed meals like Hamburger Helper, soup, boxed crackers, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce.

We will be packing food on Wednesday, Dec. 11th and will need drivers to help on Sunday, Dec. 15th. Thanks so much for your help with this project.

Sincerely,

Faith Caring Committee

60 +/- News

Due to a late Thanksgiving calendar date this year, the **NOVEMBER** get-together will be **one week earlier (3rd Wednesday) this month.**

An excellent movie will be shown at **1 pm on Wednesday, November 20** in the Fellowship Hall with its large screen! **THE BUCKET LIST**, starring Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson will take us with them on an entertaining and thoughtful trip or two, from their hospital beds to a mountain top. This movie has humor and pathos, and appeal to all ages. Don't miss it, and feel free to bring a friend or family member. Of course, popcorn and beverages will be close at hand! Signups not necessary this time!! Rides available, just call the office.



Beer & Hymns

The next Beer & Hymns will take place on **Friday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m.** at Gordon and Judy Tuthills home. 1609 Downing Street in Haslett. Gordon and Judy will be providing sloppy joe sandwiches. Please bring a Christmas treat to share and your beverage of choice.

ADVENT

Wednesday evening Advent Prayer Services will be held at 7:15 PM, beginning on Wednesday, December 4. We will be using **Holden Evening Prayer** in these services in which we will also pray for the healing of the nations of the world. The season of Advent dares us to hold out the hope that the new world God is bringing about in Jesus Christ is indeed coming – and coming soon! On the evenings of Dec. 4, 11, and 18, we will prayerfully spend time preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ child in our midst. You are invited to join us at 7:15 PM on Wednesdays for this time of prayer.



Advent Calendars and ELCA World Hunger Barns – On Sunday, December 1, every family will receive an ELCA Advent Calendar and a “barn” to take home. This “barn” will be used to collect money for ELCA World Hunger throughout the season of Advent. The Barn Advent offering will then be used to provide for ELCA ministries that are taking place in the home countries of the young men in our Parish House. (Felicien is from Rwanda, Gabriel is from Guatemala, and Jose is from El Salvador.) We are asking that the “Barn Advent Banks” be returned during worship on Sunday, December 22, the fourth Sunday in Advent.



Decorating the Church for the Holidays-

November 30th 9 a.m.- Please join us to set up the Trees at Faith. On Sunday, December 1st following worship we invite all who are able to decorate the trees.

Poinsettia Orders-

Poinsettia order forms are available on the counter in the Narthex. Orders are due by Sunday, December 8th. Please place your order in Katie Love’s mailbox or on her desk in the office.



Poinsettia Sign-Up



Care Packages for the Military

Military Member Care Packages-

On Sunday, December 8th the Confirmation students will be making cards for those in the military who are connected to Faith or it’s members. If you have a loved one that you would like a card care package sent to please contact Katie Love in the church office. We will have a box available late November in the Narthex if anyone would like to add cards to these boxes.

ART PROJECT UPDATE

In October, the art project that members at Faith worked on over the past few months was installed. Thank you to the volunteers who assembled the artwork and a special thanks to Liz Wylegala for all her work coordinating the project.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Universal Christ Book Study 10:00 AM Worship Service/3rd Grade Bible 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting 6:00 PM High School Youth Group 6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group	28	29 10:30 AM Meridian Play Group 12:00 PM Lunch lectionary study group 7:00 PM Paris to Pittsburg at Studio C!	30 9:30 AM Quilting and ACTION 4:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Faith Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	31	1 New Office Hours Begin 9-12	2 9:30 AM Meridian Township Stewardship Day
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24 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Universal Christ Book Study 10:00 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM Organ Dedication Recital 6:00 PM Confirmation Class	25	26 10:30 AM Meridian Play Group 12:00 PM Lunch lectionary study group	27 9:30 AM Quilting and ACTION 6:30 PM Faith Bells 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	28	29	30 9:00 AM Trees Up