



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for December 22-January 4

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NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 22

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 23

Tuesday, December 24

Church Office Closed

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service: Nursery Available

10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25

Church Office Closed

Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES



**4:00 P.M. FAMILY WORSHIP
SERVICE (NURSERY IS AVAILABLE)**

10:00 P.M.

**THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH
FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 1, 2019

		Year to Date as of 11/30/2019	
Loose Cash	\$ 22.00	Income	\$234,214
Loose Checks	\$ 20.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$275,819</u>
Flowers	\$ 55.00	Net	\$ (41,605)
Tanzania Hymnals	\$ 576.00		
General Fund	\$2,280.00		
Facility Rental	\$ 400.00		
Subtotal	\$3,378.00		
Simply Giving			
General	\$ 200.00		
Building	\$		
Total	\$3,578.00		

December 8, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 82.00
Loose Checks	\$ 100.00
Staff Gifts	\$ 675.00
Flowers	
Poinsettias	\$ 75.00
General Fund	\$7,000.00
Subtotal	\$8,042.00
Simply Giving	
General	\$3,680.00
Building	\$ 25.00
Total	\$11,747.00

December 15, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 57.00
Loose Checks	\$ 50.00
Staff Gifts	\$1,065.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
General Fund	\$2,100.00
MRH	\$ 128.00
Parish House	\$ 178.00
Subtotal	\$3,603.00
Simply Giving	
General	\$ 200.00
Building	\$
Total	\$3,803.00

Save the Dates

Join 60 +/- Wednesday, January 22nd at 11:30 a.m. at Faith. We welcome a speaker from Pure Michigan. More information to come. Contact Marla Holle with any questions.

The Next Beer & Hymns will be January 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Ken & Ellen Schoepf (383 Split Raid Ridge, Williamston). The Schoepf's will provide beef sandwiches. Please bring a side or dessert and your drink of choice.

WAY YOU CAN HELP



Help Decorate the Sharing Tree

Not with Ornaments and Tinsel....

.....but with baby items!!!

Visit the Sharing Tree in the coffee fellowship area and select a paper "ornament" or two. On each ornament a specific layette item is indicated. Take the ornament home, so it can be a reminder of what to purchase. (*Only new baby items, please.*) Bring your unwrapped, layette items and tuck them into the Sharing Tree branches. Your gifts will be given to Shared Pregnancy of Lansing, an organization that offers emotional and spiritual support to new moms. Please return your tag for use in upcoming years. The tree will be up until mid-January.

RIC Sunday – Sunday, January 26

Each year, Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregations are encouraged to celebrate RIC Sunday, which is typically the last Sunday in January. Faith will be celebrating RIC Sunday on January 26. This is a time for congregations to recommit themselves to the full and total inclusion that they committed to when becoming an RIC Congregation. The service will focus on our commitment to our Welcoming Statement with specially selected liturgy, hymns, and sermon. We encourage you to attend and invite friends and family as we celebrate our continued commitment to welcoming and including all of God's people, especially those who have often been rejected by the church.

This year, Faith and Advocacy is the theme for RIC Sunday 2020. Knowing that God calls us to love and serve ALL of God's Beloveds, it is important that we recognize the ways in which we as the church have turned away from our LGBTQIA+ siblings. We focus this RIC Sunday asking the question, "How do we advocate for our queer siblings and those who are the most vulnerable in the room?" It is a service to set our hearts and eyes to God, asking for grace and forgiveness, leading us to be the advocates in this world, and stand with the oppressed.

More information, including recommended readings and ways to continue the conversation after RIC Sunday, is at <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/ric-sunday-2020/>



THE 2020 HOLLE SPEAKER SERIES
Featuring: The Rev. Dr. Barbara R. Rossing
Saturday, April 18, 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Faith Lutheran Church

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing will be joining us to speak on Revelation and Ecology. Dr. Rossing is professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, where she has taught since 1994. She loves to teach and preach about the Bible, including the Bible's role in public life.

An avid environmentalist, Rossing is involved with environmental initiatives at the seminary. Rossing received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Carleton College, the master of divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School and the doctor of theology degree from Harvard University.

She served as pastor of a congregation in Minnesota, director for Global Mission Interpretation for the American Lutheran Church, pastor at Holden Village Retreat Center, Chelan, Wash., and chaplain at Harvard University Divinity School.

Rossing has lectured and preached widely, including synod assemblies and global mission events for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), as well as ecumenical theological conferences. She has served on the executive committee and council of the Lutheran World Federation (2003-2010), and chaired the Lutheran World Federation's theology and studies committee. She currently serves on the advisory committee for *The Lutheran Magazine*.

As a public theologian her media appearances have included "CBS Sixty Minutes" as well as The History Channel, National Geographic, Living the Questions, and numerous print and radio interviews. Her publications include *The Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation* (Basic Books, 2004); *The Choice Between Two Cities: Whore, Bride and Empire in the Apocalypse* (Trinity Press, 1999); two volumes of the *New Proclamation* commentary (Fortress Press, 2000 and 2004); a nine-session Bible study, *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today* (Presbyterian Women, 2010); and articles and book chapters on the Apocalypse and ecology.

If you have any additions or updates, please contact the church office. klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

- Phyllis Shorman
- Connie Nelson
- Dale Halverson
- Brenda & Walter Kopf
- Ruthie Gardner
- Jeanne Hicks
- Todd Holle
- Rita Barry
- Ellen Milne
- Ken Whitmyer
- Sifa Ngasala
- Ginger Kinney, Kay Hillberg's sister
- Todd
- Kathy
- Todd Barriklow
- Christel Taha
- Carol Coyer
- Loretta Milne
- Kenley
- Allyson
- Bob (Brenda Zynda's nephew in hospice)
- Bob Shorman's niece Lyndsey in hospital.

-Our mission partner congregation

- Lansing Redeemer Church of Lansing

-Those in military service

- Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks, Landon Belanger, Melody and Adam Wright, Tracy Tuthill, Joe Morre 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

- The Supply Pastors and the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church of Lansing, Mi.
- Rev. John Schleicher and the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church of Lansing, Mi.