



# Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for February 2-February 15

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## NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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### **Sunday, February 2**

- 9:00 a.m.      Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.     Worship/Installation of Officers  
11:30 a.m.     Worship Committee Meeting  
6:00 p.m.      Confirmation

### **Monday, February 3**

### **Tuesday, February 4**

- 10:30 a.m.     Meridian Township Playgroup  
Noon            Bible study in Pastor's office

### **Wednesday, February 5**

- 9:30 a.m.      Quilters  
6:30 p.m.      Faith Bells  
7:30 p.m.      Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, February 6**

### **Friday, February 7**

### **Saturday, February 8**

## **Sunday, February 9**

9:00 a.m.      Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.     Worship/Baptism  
11:30 a.m.     First Communion Training  
6:00 p.m.      Confirmation

## **Monday, February 10**

## **Tuesday, February 11**

10:30 a.m.     Meridian Township Playgroup  
Noon            Bible study in Pastor's office

## **Wednesday, February 12**

9:30 a.m.      Quilters  
6:30 p.m.      Faith Bells  
7:30 p.m.      Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, February 13**

## **Friday, February 14**

*Pastor Ellen's Birthday*

## **Saturday, February 15**

## **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS – Sunday, February 9**

On Sunday, February 9, following worship, Pastor Ellen will host a first communion class for children who are interested in taking communion. Pastor Ellen asks that parents participate in this class along with their children. If you are interested in having your child participate, please speak to Pastor Ellen. Children who participate in this class will receive their first communion on Sunday, February 16 or 23. We know the weekend of February 16 is a long holiday weekend, so if families are not here that weekend, the children will receive communion on February 23.

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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**January 19, 2020**

		Year to Date as of 12/31/2019	
Loose Cash	\$ 32.00	Income	\$270,376
Loose Checks	\$ 0.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$300,090</u>
Envelopes	\$ 15.00	Net	\$ (27,740)
Flowers	\$ 25.00		
Refund	\$ 339.39		
General Fund	\$1,560.00		
MRH	\$ 91.00		
Parish House	\$ 91.00		
Root Youth Seminar	<u>\$ 100.00</u>		
Subtotal	\$2,553.39		
Simply Giving			
General	\$2,485.00		
Building	\$ 25.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,063.39</b>		

**January 26, 2020**

Loose Cash	\$ 101.00
Loose Checks	\$ 225.00
World Hunger	\$ 13.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
Youth	
Souper Bowl Luncheon	\$ 323.00
Envelopes	\$ 10.00
BWL Cable Cost	\$ 45.34
Parish House	\$ 50.00
Root Youth Seminar	\$ 100.00
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$12,070.00</u>
Subtotal	\$12,962.34
Simply Giving	
General	\$ 200.00
Building	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,162.34</b>

**SATURDAY, FEB. 29, ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE  
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP AND EUCHRE!**

Our next **Alternative Worship Service** will be held on **Saturday evening, February 29, at 6:00 PM**. Following this service, the Membership Development Committee will be hosting a Euchre Tournament in the Fellowship Hall.

**LET'S PLAY EUCHRE!** Euchre Night is Saturday, February 29. We'll have pizza & salad at 7 pm, instruction/refresher at 7:15 pm for those who need to learn how to play (or have forgotten how), and we'll start playing at 7:30 pm. We'll pair you up, or come with a partner. Bring a friend! High school youth will provide child care (donations, that will go toward the 2021 Gathering, are welcome!). If you're coming, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Join us for a fun evening!



## LENT BEGINS – Ash Wednesday, February 26

Join us for **Ash Wednesday Worship on February 26** as we again begin our Lenten journey to the cross.

- Noon Worship Service at Faith Lutheran followed by a soup luncheon
- 7:00 PM joint worship service with Okemos Presbyterian Church and Okemos Community Church. This worship service will be held **at Okemos Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Ellen will be preaching.

Then, plan to attend our weekly Lenten Services. They will then take place on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent.

***Soup and bread suppers will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by a worship service at 7:15.*** This year our Lenten focus will be:

### ***Resurrection Now: Delighting In Our Salvation***

This is a series of short videos containing messages from Richard Rohr as he talks about our faith journey. We will also be using Holden Evening Prayer as our Lenten liturgy.

The weekly Lenten soup and bread suppers will be hosted by various church committees. The Worship Committee has designated the hosting committees as follows:

March 4 – Council

March 11 – Green Team

March 18 – Chancel Choir

March 25 – Bell Choir

April 1 – Education & Evangelism

Join us as we make this journey together.

## The Caring Committee

The Caring Committee will be making cards for the non-profit “Bringing Smiles to Seniors” on **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. in the music room. All are welcome.



### **FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Caring Committee is sponsoring the annual Easter Basket Food Drive beginning at the end of the month. Meridian Township Human Resources Dept. provides us with the names of 20 families that need a little extra help. Faith members are blessed to be able to help by providing any/or all the items listed below.

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| <b>Cereal</b>                                  | <b>Peanut Butter Muffin Mix</b> | <b>Boxed</b>                       |
| <b>Desserts</b>                                | <b>Juice</b>                    | <b>Easter Candy Boxed Potatoes</b> |
| <b>Easter Egg Coloring Kits and Vegetables</b> | <b>Tuna</b>                     | <b>Canned Fruits</b>               |
|  | <b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b>         |                                    |

Cash donations help with the purchase of the hams, eggs, and milk for the families. Donations will be taken until March 25<sup>th</sup> and **the delivery date will be Sunday, March 29**. Drivers will be needed. Please contact Lois Neves or Pam Williams with any questions. Thank you for your support, care for others and prayers as we do HIS work in the community.

## **CAYMN – Capital Area Youth Ministry**

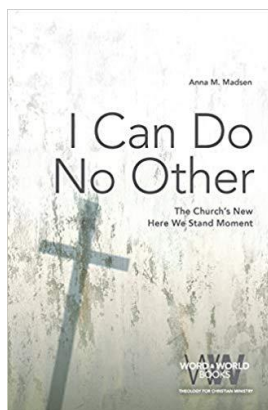
Area ELCA Clergy have been working together to form a leadership group to explore hiring a full-time Youth Director to work with youth in all our churches. As we work on this endeavor, we will be hosting two events. The first is for Middle School and High School. It will be:

### **CAYMN Youth Gathering at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lansing Sunday afternoon, February 23**

**To be included: Fun, Music & Food (Marco's Pizza!)**

**4:00 – 6:30 Middle School**

**5:30 – 8:00 High School**



## New Six-Week Lenten Book Study begins on Sunday, February 23, at 9:00 AM, in the Library

On February 23 Pastor Ellen and Kim O'Brien will begin leading a six-week study on the book ***I Can Do No Other: The Church's New Here We Stand Moment***, by Dr. Anna Madsen. This book focuses on the church's response to our cultural context at this moment in time. Here is a synopsis of the book:

There are two gods currently competing for our collective trust: nationalism and quietism. Both make a claim on our allegiance. Where will the church stand in a day that is marked by globalization, polarization, racism, bigotry, and debates about justice for humanity and for the earth itself? While Luther's Reformation centered on justification by grace alone, Anna M. Madsen calls people of faith to a new reformation focused on standing for justice in the world. *I Can Do No Other* looks to the example of Jesus and shows how the Christian claim of his death and resurrection entails a radical commitment to justice. She explores recent examples of that commitment, including liberation theology, black and womanist theology, feminist theology, and Christian resistance to Nazism. Madsen makes the case that justice, anchored in justification, is the church's new reformation moment, one not inconsistent with Luther's theology but weighted differently to address the many concerns of our day.

If you are interested in being a part of this study, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. *FYI: The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen is the daughter of Rev. George Madsen who used to be pastor at University Lutheran Church in East Lansing.*





# ***The End of Youth Ministry?***

**Dr. Andrew Root**

**Professor of Youth & Family  
Ministry at Luther Seminary**

***WHEN: Saturday, March 28  
9:30-3:00***

***WHERE: Faith Lutheran Church  
4515 Dobie Rd.  
Okemos, MI***

**This event is FREE, however a freewill offering will  
be taken to cover luncheon expenses.**

## ***Schedule for the day:***

***9:30 – 10:00 Registration and coffee***

***10:00 – 12:00 Plenary 1 – Youth Ministry in an Era of Over-  
Parenting: Moving from the Thing to the Story (See  
explanation on next page)***

***Noon – 12:45 Lunch and conversation***

***12:45 – 3:00 Plenary 2 – Faith Formation in a Secular Age:  
Examining the Changes Impacting Ministry (See explanation  
on next page)***

Dr. Root will share information based on his new book, ***The End of Youth Ministry?*** His new book will be available for purchase on this day. The cost is: \$11.50.

Dr. Root will also talk about emerging models of youth leadership.

**To register for this event:**

- **Please add your name to the signup sheet in the narthex**
- **Or call Faith Lutheran Church (517-349-0620).**
- **If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ellen Schoepf at [prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org)**



# For the Healing of the World: Apocalypse, Ecology and the Bible

Saturday, April 18, 2020  
9:30 – 2:00 (Lunch provided)  
Faith Lutheran Church Okemos

Featured Speaker

**Rev. Dr. Barbara R. Rossing**

Kick off *Faith Climate Action Week* by attending this year's presentation of the ***Holle Speaker Series*** on Saturday, April 18. This year's guest presenter will be the Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing. She will be speaking on:

***For the Healing of the World: Apocalypse, Ecology and the Bible***  
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.

The ***Holle Speaker Series*** is an annual event that honors former Bishop Reginald Holle and the work he did as the first Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod. **This April 18 event is free to the public.** A freewill offering will be taken to cover luncheon expenses. Therefore, to know how to plan, if you choose to attend you are asked to register by calling Faith Lutheran Church (517-349-0620) or email Pastor Ellen Schoepf at [prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org)

You may also register by going to this link:  
<https://faithlutheranokemos.brushfire.com/events/463307>

**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
- Brenda Kopf's friend Sharon who has brain cancer
- Kathy
- Todd Barriklow
- Christel Taha
- Carol Coyer
- Ben Cowin
- 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

- Rev. Ruth Overdier and the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church of Manton, Mi.
- Supply Pastors and the congregation of Hope Lutheran Church of Marlette, Mi.