



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for February 16-February 29

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NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 16

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering

Monday, February 17

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 18

10:30 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Noon Bible study in Pastor's office

Wednesday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Quilters

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 20

Friday, February 21

Large Fellowship Hall Rented

Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Book Study begins in the Library
- 9:00 a.m. Card Making in the Choir Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship/New Member Sunday
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School event at Bethlehem Lutheran
- 5:30 p.m. High School event at Bethlehem Lutheran
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Monday, February 24

Tuesday, February 25

- 10:30 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup
- Noon Bible study in Pastor's office
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 26

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- Noon Ash Wednesday Service at Faith (*Soup Luncheon to follow*)
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Okemos Presbyterian

Thursday, February 27

- 11:00 a.m. Service at Dobie Road

Friday, February 28

Saturday, February 29

- 3:00 p.m. Small Fellowship/Sunday School room rental
- 6:00 p.m. Alternative Worship Service
- 7:00 p.m. Pizza/Salad Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Euchre begins

(see announcement further in the booklet for more information)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

February 2, 2020

		Year to Date as of 12/31/2019	
Loose Cash	\$ 66.00	Income	\$270,376
Loose Checks	\$ 100.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$300,090</u>
World Hunger	\$ 175.00	Net	\$ (27,740)
Youth			
Retreat	\$ 360.00		
General Fund	\$4,745.00		
Parish House	<u>\$ 175.00</u>		
Subtotal	\$5,621.00		
Simply Giving			
General	\$		
Building	\$		
Total	\$5,621.00		

February 9, 2020

Loose Cash	\$ 71.00
Loose Checks	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 125.00
Memorial	
Carol Towl Estate	\$11,318.71
Root Youth Seminar	\$ 1,000.00
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$ 2,370.00</u>
Subtotal	\$14,984.71
Simply Giving	
General	\$3,735.00
Building	\$ 25.00
Total	\$18,744.71

**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 childcare (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 – Bell Choir

March 25 – Chancel 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 23rd** 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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| Cereal | Peanut Butter Muffin Mix | Boxed |
| Desserts | Juice | Easter Candy Boxed Potatoes |
| Easter Egg Coloring Kits and Vegetables | Tuna | Canned Fruits |
| | Mac & Cheese | |

Cash donations help with the purchase of the hams, eggs, and milk for the families. Donations will be taken until March 25th 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.

NEW!!! Capital Area Youth Ministry Network (CAYMN)

Area ELCA Clergy have been working together to explore the possibility of a full-time Youth Director to serve primarily with youth in all of our congregations.

As we work on this endeavor, we will be hosting two events in collaboration with area ELCA congregations. The first is an event for Middle School and High School.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE (SNL) is coming this FEBRUARY 23!



SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

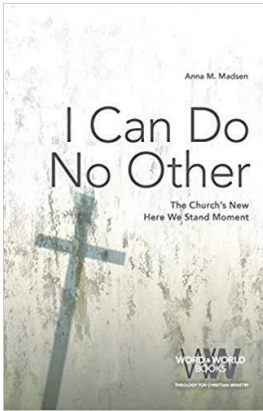
Youth Gathering for Middle & High School

**Sunday, February 23rd
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
549 E. Mount Hope Ave. in Lansing**

**4:00 – 6:30pm Middle School
5:30 – 8:00pm High School**

Sponsored by the following ELCA congregations:

University, East Lansing
Faith, Okemos
Calvary, Lansing
St. Stephen, Lansing
Bethlehem, Lansing



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**



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

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. Christin Fawcett and the congregation of All Saints Lutheran Church of Mason, Mi. (2/16)
- Rev. Ryan Prondzinski and the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church of Michigan Center, Mi. (2/23)