**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FaithFamily&Friends3

**June 6, 2016**

*Log onto Faith’s website www.faithlutheranokemos.org 24/7 for updates*

**DEADLINES**

Sunday worship folder announcements⎯Tuesday of each week

Submit to Rita at rbarry@faithlutheranokemos.org

**August *Faith Family News* newsletter⎯July 18**

Submit to Taylor Belonga tay3394@yahoo.com

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Please lift up in prayer this week:

🕆 Members—Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow,

Susan Heft, Ellen Milne and Harry Nawrock

🕆 Friends and family—

Pat Belonga, Chris Cotter, Tim Drummond, Dick and Lil Jennings, Terrie Becker; Christine, Izzy and Danny Loewen; Allie, Heather,

Al, Lilly, Sai Eshwar Lingamgunta and Jenn Leitch

🕆 Our mission partner congregation⎯Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church

🕆 Those in military service⎯Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks

and Melody and Adam Wright

🕆 Lutheran Social Services of Michigan children who seek adoption—

Micah, Connor, Emmit and R-Mahn. Pray for each to be adopted and

for Jesus to be their lifelong friend.

**NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD PRAYER PARTNER**

As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include

Pastor Connie Sassanella and the congregation of Saginaw St. John Lutheran Church in your prayers of intercession this week.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Doug and Linda Hirt in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary and in appreciation for Bruce and Deb for their leadership of the beautiful music ministry here at Faith.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Weekly Offering 05/29/16 Year-to-date as of 04/30/2016

General Fund $ 935.00 Income $98,289.39

Loose cash 40.00 Expenses 98,177.10

Youth 25.00 Net Income $ 112.29

Capital Repairs 500.00

World Hunger 75.00

Tanzania Mission 150.00

Total $1,725.00

Stewardship principle

Learning to embrace our role as stewards of God’s grace strengthens personal faith and helps to do His work in the world today.

⎯Keith Mundy and Chick Lane

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

TODAY Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

Music Sunday observed

For the beautiful music on Sunday mornings, for your dedication in attending rehearsals, for inspiring us to lift our hearts, minds and voices in singing praises to our Lord, we thank all who participate in Faith’s music ministry.

Congratulations graduates!

We offer our congratulations to members who have completed various levels of educational attainment.

Those graduating from high school are⎯

Zachary Coyer Okemos HS ⇒ Lansing Community College

Jordan Hereza Williamston HS ⇒Trine University

Elliot Kadrofske Okemos HS ⇒ St. Olaf College

Julianne Schrote Williamston HS ⇒Capital University

And those receiving baccalaureate degrees are⎯

Katy Kopf BS in Biology from Central Michigan University

continuing Vet Tech studies at Baker College

Joseph Smith BS in Food Science from Michigan State University

currently a lab assistant at the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

11:30 a.m. Worship Committee meeting in the library

Monday, June 6

7:00 p.m. RIC group meeting

Tuesday, June 7

12:00 p.m. Lunch lectionary study group in Pastor Ellen’s office

Wednesday, June 8

7:30 a.m. Men’s study group in the library

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

7:00 p.m. Forum planning group meeting

Thursday, June 9

11:30 a.m. Caregiver Support Group lunch and program

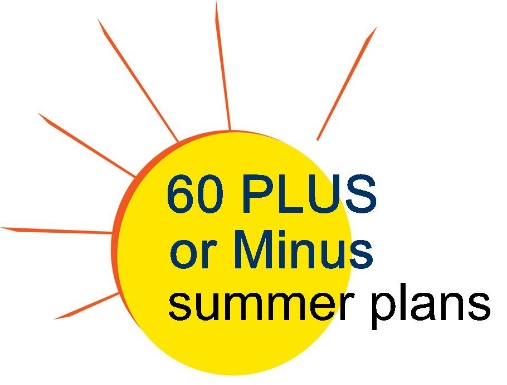
Our Caregiver Support Group meets from 11:30am–1:00pm on the second Thursday of every month. We serve lunch to all participants. Anyone who is facing the challenges that arise when caring for a loved one is welcome to attend this gathering. We share information about our challenges and also hear from a speaker each month.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 12

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

3:00 p.m. The Willows at Okemos worship

60 PLUS OR MINUS FOLKS (no minimum or maximum age)

Save the dates⎯Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

on June 15, July 20 and August 17

We plan to enjoy informal lunches

together on our regular third Wednesday of

each month this summer. The first lunch

group will gather at Coral Gables at

11:30 a.m. on June 15. Before each

gathering, we’ll put a sign-up sheet on

the Faith@Work Board in the entryway outside

the sanctuary. That way you can see who else is

available and will be socializing with you that day.

Those attending at Coral Gables on June 15 can register their opinions about lunch gatherings for July and August. Do you want to try a new venue or continue at Coral Gables? Do you prefer a different time or day of the week? Bring your ideas to share! We’ll get the word out about details for July and August on Faith’s website and in the Sunday worship folders.

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YOUNG ADULT BBQ BOOK STUDY

Pastor Ellen will be hosting a four-week BBQ Book Study at her home—*she will be providing all the food*—on the following Wednesday evenings:

June 29, July 6, July 13 and July 20

6:00-8:00 p.m.

The study group will be reading the book *Outlaw Christian* by Jacqueline Bussie, professor of religion at Concordia College in Moorhead MN. The book is fantastic! It is a terrific book for Christians, agnostics and atheists alike. In this book, Bussie addresses the unwritten “rules” of modern Christianity and she talks about the pain, heartbreak and even broken faith that lurks behind these rules. She says that a faith governed by these “rules” is stifling, unsustainable and dishonest. Bussie writes that the only way she could keep her faith in the God she loved was to start breaking the rules. Please speak to Pastor Ellen if you are interested in participating.

JULY-SEPT PORTAL OF PRAYERS AVAILABLE

July-September personal and family devotional booklets are available on the table near the elevator. Please take one home with you today. There are also copies of the April-June booklets on the table.

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JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE WITH UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our 60th anniversary celebration continues. . .On Sunday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m., we will worship with the congregation of University Lutheran Church. University Lutheran was the congregation that was instrumental in the forming of Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos when Faith began as a mission start congregation. This year, University Lutheran Church celebrates its 75th anniversary as we celebrate our 60th. This service will be one of unity and celebration with lunch following worship. Please bring a lawn chair and join us as we worship under the trees on the north lawn and share lunch together via a food truck at ULC!

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THE NEW ELCA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION WILL OPEN SOON

The new ELCA Federal Credit Union, with offices in the Lutheran Center Building in Chicago, will soon be open for business. The grand opening celebration will be Monday, June 6. ELCA members, congregations, synods and the churchwide organization⎯and their employees⎯are all eligible to join the credit union to take advantage of a portfolio of deposit accounts, loans and other services. This new ELCA-sponsored credit union supports the ELCA’s mission to promote responsible stewardship of members’ and congregations’ financial resources. Because this is a financial cooperative, credit union members will see more competitive rates on deposits and loans, fewer fees and enhanced services. Learn more by visiting the credit union website, elcafcu.org.

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REFORMATION 500: GERMANY AND ITALY TRIP

Register now for a trip to Lutherland!

The North/West Lower Michigan Synod is excited to announce a 12-day trip to Lutherland and Italy in remembrance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Hosted by Sister Nancy Brousseau, OP and The Rev. Craig A. Satterlee, Bishop, Ph.D., the trip will be held May 1-12, 2017 and will visit Berlin, Wittenberg, Eisleben, Erfurt, Eisenach, Munich, Venice, Florence, Rome and the Vatican City with a Papal Audience. The flyer is posted on the Faith hallway bulletin board.

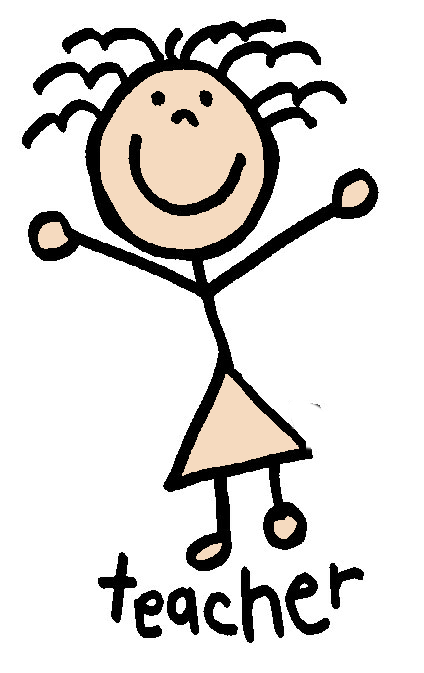
Download the flyer - http://mittensynod.org/docs/2017LutherTripBrochure.pdf

Download the registration form -

http://mittensynod.org/docs/2017LutherTripRegistration.pdf

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be from August 1-5 from 9:00am – 12:00pm and is entitled “High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God”. We have several volunteer opportunities still available for this very entertaining and inspiring week. If you have any questions, please see Melinda.

**Sunday School Teachers for 2015-2016** – There are several positions available, so please consider helping. The curriculum is VERY easy and the children are great. If we have multiple teachers per grade, it allows for some flexibility on how often you have to teach. We also need a substitute list.  
Pre-K/Need 2 teachers.  
Trinity, 4th-6th Grades/Need 3 teachers for Sunday School only.  
High School/Need 1 co-teacher for Sunday School only.

**One more Thrivent Action Team needed!!!**  
Please apply to help your youth group in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Here are some suggestions for your Thrivent Action Teams: **Faith Vacation Bible School**. Use this link to get started: <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/> Please talk to Melinda to get specific details or if you have any questions.





To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .

. . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,

study and fellowship

. . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith

that works in real life

. . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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North/West Lower Michigan Synod ≈ www.mittensynod.org

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ≈ www.elca.org

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Podcasts

ITUNES

https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/your-faith-journey/id1085174663?mt=2

STITCHER

http://www.stitcher.com/podcast/dad-spotlight/your-faith-journey?refid=stpr

You also can find the audio available

on Faith’s website under worship

Sermons

http://faithlutheranokemos.org/sermons/

Special music

http://faithlutheranokemos.org/category/special-music/