**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FaithFamily&Friends3

**June 12, 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, 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, Jenn Leitch and Hunter Galvin.

🕆 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—

Tiana, Jysell, Ashlyn and Sally. 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 Sue Hand and the congregation of Saginaw Zion Lutheran Church in your prayers of intercession this week.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION**

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by. . .

Vase 1 Walter, Brenda, Becca, Katy, Austin and Ciare

in celebration of Eric Kopf’s 50th birthday

Vase 2 Matt and Korine Wawrzynski in celebration of Jasper’s sixth birthday

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Weekly Offering 06/05/16 Year-to-date as of 04/30/2016

General Fund $6,145.00 Income $98,289.39

Loose cash 146.00 Expenses 98,177.10

Loose checks 70.00 Net Income $ 112.29

Flowers 50.00

Capital Repairs 25.00

World Hunger 41.55

Total $6,477.55

Simply Giving $2,081.00

Stewardship principle

Stewardship and Stuff: In this day of consumerism, does our stuff spark joy?

Is it time for spring cleaning and decluttering? ⎯Mary Ann McKibben

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

TODAY Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

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

Pastor Ellen is facilitating worship at The Willows at Okemos residential care facility at 3:00 today. Everyone from Faith is invited to attend this special worship service. The address is 4830 Central Park Drive, Okemos.

Tuesday, June 14

Worship folder announcements deadline

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

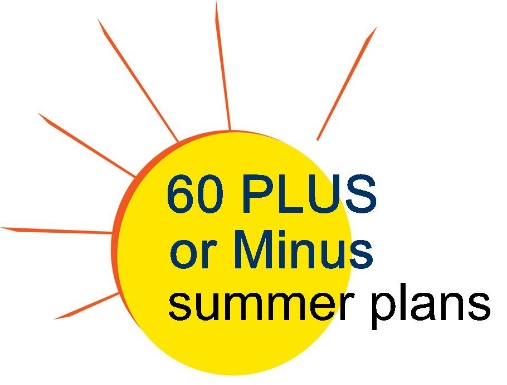
6:30 p.m. Pub lectionary study group at Okemos Buddies Pub & Grill

Wednesday, June 15

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

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

11:30 a.m. Sixty Plus and Minus lunch at Coral Gables

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.

Thursday, June 16

1:00 p.m. Pictorial directory meeting

Friday, June 17

7:00 p.m. Sounds of Summer at Lake Lansing Park South bandshell

The Capitol City Chordsmen and Sweet Adelines are on stage for this Friday night’s free concert. Pastor Darrell is a member of the barbershop men’s chorus which is celebrating their 75th anniversary this year. There is free parking and admission and for kids free entry to play on the moonwalk and giant slide. Bring your lawn chair and a picnic dinner (optional)..

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 19

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

June Stewardship Focus – Trinity Seminary and ELCA Higher Education

Our stewardship focus for the month of June is higher education in the ELCA. Our denomination has several seminaries and the seminary located in our region is Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. As one of several ELCA seminaries, Trinity forms leaders for Christ’s church in the world, leaders who work with faith communities to bring about change by sharing and living the gospel of Jesus Christ. Trinity Seminary is the school Pastor Ellen attended. Harold Sollenberger has served on the Board of Directors for Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Sunday, June 19, Harold will be preaching on the gospel reading and sharing information regarding the work of Trinity. We will also take a noisy offering to send to Trinity Seminary as the school continues to do the work of forming leaders for Christ’s church.

11:30 a.m. Listening Post in the library

Listening Post is an open session on the third Sunday of each month for anyone to bring their thoughts, issues or concerns to the Mutual Ministry Committee’s attention. All discussions are held in strict confidence.

The members of the Mutual Ministry Committee are—

John McPhail Connie Nelson Gwynne Kadrofske

Bill Williams Harold Sollenberger Pastor Ellen Schoepf

6:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes overnight shelter

Thank you to Tammy Heilman and Diane Hill for covering tonight’s shift at Loaves and Fishes. There is no one signed up in the July 17 L&F slot.

If you can volunteer for a 6-10pm shift at Loaves and Fishes Ministeries on the third Sunday of next month, or have questions about what this involves, please contact Tammy Heilman (339-1798) or Gretchen Bills (245-7844). Two people are needed to serve each month.

YOUNG ADULT BBQ BOOK STUDY STARTING SOON

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.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE WITH UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AT ULC

Our 60th anniversary celebration continues. . .On Sunday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m., we will worship AT 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, 1020 South Harrison Road, East Lansing.

RACE, ETHNICITY AND CULTURE: TABLE TALK CONVERSATIONS

On Saturday, July 16, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Faith Lutheran’s *Forum Planning Committee* will be hosting an evening of fellowship and conversation.

People of different backgrounds will be invited to share their stories. During this time of fellowship, we encourage those who are in attendance to speak, listen and learn from one another. There will be a chance for people to share their story and tell of the manner in which they have been impacted by racism. Attendees will have time to tell about their personal experiences. There will be an open mic. Individuals are encouraged to present his/her story in a safe environment with those who want to hear their stories. Everyone present will have a chance to share in small groups as attendees have time to learn from one another. One-on-one time in small groups is vitally important if we are to grow, change and become more hospitable as we live in relationship with those who are different from us. Please plan on coming to listen, learn and share.

Refreshments will be served. Plan on enjoying an ice cream sundae on a summer evening. If you have questions, please speak to Connie Nelson or Pastor Ellen.

LET’S TALK. . .LET’S LISTEN. . .LET’S SHARE.

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: Adopt-a-School

Watch for back-to-school sales and pick up items for the August Stewardship school supplies collection. We hope to supply items needed by the Reo Elementary School near our synod mission partner church Redeemer Lutheran. Here are the items to watch for—dry erase markers, crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, Play Dough, scissors, water paints, shaving cream (to practice writing in), sidewalk chalk, bubbles and more bubbles and kinetic sand.

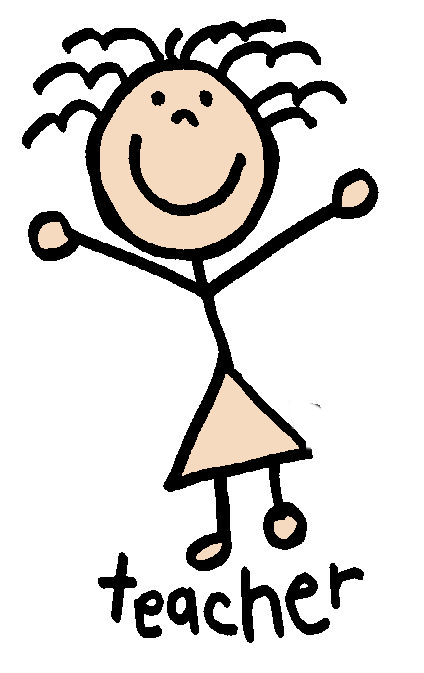
FROM OUR SYNOD PARTNER CHURCH

Annual free community picnic will be held Thursday, June 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Redeemer Church. Everyone is welcome to enjoy hot dogs and all the fixings at no cost. This is a time of food, fun and music. Redeemer Church is located at 2727 West Holmes Road in Lansing (south of Mt. Hope between Pleasant Grove and Catherine). For more information, please contact the church office at 882-8000 or janhite@sbcglobal.net. www.RedeemerLansing.com.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Need Vacation Bible School Funding - 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.

**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. **VBS decorating and set-up will be on July 28th-30th from 1:00-6:00pm each day. The final set-up will be on Sunday, July 31st immediately following Rita’s Retirement Party.** Even ifyou cannot help during the VBS week, these decorating times are crucial and we would love to have as many helpers as possible. If you have any questions, please see Melinda. THANKS!!

**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 1 teachers.  
Trinity, 4th-6th Grades/Need 3 teachers for Sunday School only.  
High School/Need 1 co-teacher for Sunday School only.

CE/Youth Announcements cont’d

**Tool Kits for Mission Trip**Please see the display in the Narthex of the items we will need to have when we travel to Hurricane, West Virginia. Every time we go on a mission trip we need supplies and we usually have to beg and borrow. With these supplies, we will have a supply to go to every time we are doing service. Thanks for your continued support.

**Mandatory Mission Meeting for Youth and Parents**At this meeting we will be completing all forms, discussing expectations, setting up departure times, and we will also have a mini-practice session with the tools and materials to assess the skill level of our participants. July 20th, 6:00-8:00pm.

** No Swarming Insurance Policy will guarantee your lawn is a No Swarm Zone!**Swarming is done in the spirit of fun, but if you would prefer your lawn Bee free, we would like to offer the option of a “No Swarming Insurance” policy. Please notify Melinda , and we will be sure to help the swarm migrate somewhere else. We are currently trying to raise money for the Group Mission Trip to Hurricane, West Virginia and to support The Honeybee Conservancy, which is supporting the rebuilding of bee hives in the Midwest and nationally.





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

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