**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**September 4th**

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

**DEADLINES**

Sunday worship folder announcements⎯Tuesday of each week

Submit to Katie at klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

***October Faith Family News newsletter*⎯Monday September 19th**

Submit to Katie at klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

**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, Dick and Lil Jennings,

 Terrie Becker; Christine, Izzy and Danny Loewen; Allie, Heather, Al,

 Lilly, Sai Eshwar Lingamgunta, Jenn Leitch, Jeanne and Leonard,

 Tom Brown, Susan Heft

🕆 Our mission partner congregation⎯Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church

🕆 Those in military service⎯Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks

 and Melody, Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.

🕆 Lutheran Social Services of Michigan children who seek adoption—

 Aiden, Jaycen Arianna & Taelynn. 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 Jackie Ahern, and the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church of Vassar in your prayers of intercession this week.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Doug and Kay Showers in memory of Lora Anne Showers.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Weekly Offering 08/28/16 Year-to-date as of 06/30/2016

General Fund $3515.00 Income $161,583.67

Loose Cash 25.00 Expenses 175,529.15

60th Anniversary Banquet 306.28 Net Income $(13,945.48)

God’s Hands T-Shirt 13.00

Loaves & Fishes 15.00

World Hunger 15.00

Loose Checks 25.00

Total $3949.28

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**TODAY**

**Tickets for the 60th Anniversary Celebration are on**

**Sale NOW in the narthex.**

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

11:30 a.m. Tech Committee Meeting

Monday, September 5

Church office will be Closed.

Tuesday, September 6

Worship folder announcements deadline

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

2-8:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory Pictures

Wednesday, September 7

7:30 a.m. Men’s Study Group in the Library

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

2-8:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory Pictures

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 8

11:30 a.m. Caregivers Support Group Meeting

7:00 p.m. Sunday School Teacher’s Meeting

Friday, September 9

Saturday, September 10

11:30 a.m. Tent Set-Up

Sunday, September 11

RALLY DAY- Information for Rally Day can be found in the Education and Youth Announcements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There are still a few opportunities on

**September 6th & 7th** to schedule photo appointments.

You can go to our website faithlutheranokemos.org and click on the red link “SIGN UP NOW” below the Lifetouch picture. Or call Linda Gerard at 517-349-9487, Elaine Harrison at 517-349-4049 or Laurie Hereza at 517-927-6753 to schedule an appointment or ask questions.

Remember Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Plus, every family photographed receives a directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait. We are encouraging everyone to participate.

**Stay Informed**

www.faithlutheranokemos.org is a great resource to use daily/weekly to catch up on all things Faith. Learn about exciting future and past events. Here are some things you can find on our site.

* Facts about Faith
* Links to other ELCA sites
* Calendar
* Sermons/Special Music
* Information about Education, Confirmation, Bible Studies
* Information about Ministries, including 60+ and Music.
* Information on Outreach Programs
* News about future and past Faith and community events.

 **Refugee Furniture/Household Goods Donation Pick-Up Day** **Friday, September 9, 2016**

St. Vincent Catholic Charities is currently receiving an unprecedented number of new arrivals into the Lansing area with approximately 140 new refugees per month (50 is the usual average). The greatest need right now is for furniture and household goods along with a fast and efficient way to receive these goods and set them up in new houses.

In order to provide compassionate support to these families, Presbyterian Church of Okemos is planning a donation pick up day and is inviting members of all churches in the Meridian Township/East Lansing Area to participate. Here’s how it works, if you have any of the following: **Dining tables, chairs, sofas, dressers, living room chairs, dishes, pots and pans, towels, sheets and blankets.\***

Please email Charles Gonzales at gonzalc@stvcc.org with a description of your item, your address and phone number, and Charles will create a route and get you scheduled. Please be home at your scheduled time on **Friday, September 9** to provide your donation to the drivers. All of your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for continuing to welcome refugees. **\*Note: STVCC is unable to accept the following — beds, futons, headboards/footboards, sleeper sofas, sectionals, china cabinets and entertainment centers.**

**“Urban Tumbleweeds,”** better known as **plastic grocery bags,** have been littering our streets! When plastic bags don’t make it to the trash they often are seen blowing in the wind. The members of Faith Lutheran’s Green Team are asking you to bring all those plastic shopping bags to church so we can recycle them. We are placing recycle containers in the foyers in the northwest and southwest entrances to the building. It will be easy to drop those *urban tumbleweeds* in these containers as you enter the building.

Another Solution? Let’s reduce the demand for and manufacture of, plastic bags by using **reusable shopping bags.**  Beginning **Sunday September 18th**, our youth will be selling **reusable shopping bags bearing the name of Faith Lutheran Church.**  These bags, a fundraising project for our youth, will be selling for $5.00 a bag. The Youth, the Green Team and the Evangelism Committee are teaming up to inspire you to use these reusable bags as we work to reduce the amount of plastic going into the landfills.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES

***CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group Meeting***

Join us at 11:30am for a light lunch and discussion. All are Welcome!

Thursday, September 8th - Barb Mannino with Tri-County Office of Aging, speaking on “Residential Living outside of the Lansing Area.

Thursday October 13th: Kris Abbey, the Bereavement Coordinator at Hospice of Lansing will speak on Healthy Grieving.

Thursday November 10th: Tara Thiel from Medilodge will be discussing various Long Term Care Options.

***SIXTY PLUS AND MINUS – SAVE THE DATES!***

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**FALL KICKOFF**

**Wednesday, September 21 at 11:30 a.m.**

Join us for the first Fall gathering of the Sixty +/- group in the Fellowship Hall

Special Guest:

Roger Hoopengarner (from University Lutheran) is a retired

MSU professor who has spent his career studying the use of bees in pollinizing crops in the USA and around the world.  His power point presentation will challenge and inform us of current

concern re the deadly virus that has mysteriously affected the colonies of bees so vital to agricultural life.

This event will begin with one of Faith's famous Potlucks! Bring a favorite dish to pass and bring a friend!

***YOUNG ADULT GATHERING AT OLD CHICAGO***

Beginning on **Saturday, September 24**, at noon, Pastor Ellen will be hosting a Young Adult Gathering at Old Chicago (Ages 18-40ish.) This gathering will take place once a month and it will be a time when those present will discuss how faith intersects what is happening in present culture. The pizza at these gatherings is on Pastor Ellen while attendees will pay for their beverages.

 The first two gatherings are:

**Saturday, September 24, 12:00 Noon**

 **Saturday, October 29, 12:00 Noon**

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES CONT.

***NEW BOOK CLUB***

**BOOK GROUP CONVERSATION** –

 This fall Dr. Freya Anderson Rivers will be facilitating three consecutive anti-racism sessions here at Faith Lutheran Church. Dr. Rivers is the author of ***Swallowed Tears***, the story of an African American family’s courage and perseverance. This story is about one family but there were thousands of unknown individuals and families who daily put their lives on the line to end segregation. Dr. Dupuy H. Anderson was one of these individuals who persisted in spite of numerous threats to his life to change the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was one of the many in Baton Rouge who fought for change. When the movement began in Baton Rouge, no one knew that the impact of the 1953 bus boycott would create universal hope for the rights of equality, justice and freedom. The leaders did not know that Martin Luther King, Jr. would use their model as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement. Yet, challenging oppression in the struggle for truth, justice and righteousness, Dr. Dupuy H. Anderson, one man, made a difference.

As we host a series of anti-racism events facilitated by Dr. Rivers during the fall season, Pam Williams will also be leading a book group conversation based on Dr. Freya Rivers’ book, *Swallowed Tears*.

This gathering will take place at 7:00 PM on the following Wednesday nights this fall:

**Wednesday, September 28**

**&**

**Wednesday, October 26**

If you are able to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you would like us to order your book, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES CONT.

Schedule of Recurring Events for Fall 2016

SUNDAYS

Every (start. 9/11) 9:00 am………. Sunday School

Every 10:00 am. ……… Worship

First 11:30 am ……… Worship Comm. Meeting

2nd 11:30 am ……… Parish Ed. Comm. Meeting

2nd 3:00 pm ……… Willows Worship Service

3rd 11:30 am………………………. Mutual Ministry Listening Post

3rd 6:00 pm………………………… Serve at Loaves & Fishes

Varies ……………………………... Youth Group

Mondays

3rd 7pm ………. Church Council Meeting

 ………. Monthly Newsletter Deadline

4th 2pm……………………………… Women’s Study Group

7pm ………. Green Team

Tuesdays

Every……………………………….. Worship Folder Announcements Due

Every noon………………………… Lunch lectionary study group

3rd 6:30pm ……… Evangelism and Outreach Comm. Meeting

 Wednesdays

Every 7:30am ………. Men’s lectionary Study Group

Every 9:30am……………………… Quilting and LSSM ACTION

First 6:30pm…………………….…. Membership Development Committee

Third 11:30am ………. Sixty +/- Meeting

Starting 9/14 6:00pm……………… Trinity and Confirmation

Starting 9/7 6:30pm……………….. Faith Bells

Starting 9/7 7:30pm………………. Chancel Choir

Thursdays

2nd 11:30am……………………….. Caregiver Support Group

Outside Group

Every Monday 7:30-9:30pm……… Boy Scout Troop 125

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY September 11



**SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX**

On the afternoon of Sunday, September 11, ELCA churches all over the country will be participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” service projects.

This year, beginning at 1:30 PM, we will focus on helping people within our own congregation and dedicating that time to first responders as we mark the 15th anniversary of 9/11.

On that Sunday, we begin this effort by assisting Lowell and Gail Barricklow as they work to get their house ready to sell. This will also be a Helping Hands project for our congregation. If you are able to assist in this effort, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

This is an effort that should be on-going. So, if anyone else in the congregation has a need, please speak to Pastor Ellen or David Baker and let us know how we might help. We will organize a work group and be there to assist.

Rev. Dr. Jim Wallis, to Speak at MSU Kellogg Center September 13

Pastor Jim Wallis is president and founder of Sojourners in Washington, DC. a non-profit faith-based organization, network, and movement whose mission statement calls for "putting faith into action for social justice." Wallis served on President Obama's first White House Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and as the chair of the Global Agenda Council on Values of the World Economic Forum. This is a free event. There will be a book signing opportunity after the evening presentation.

To learn more about Jim Wallis and Sojourners, go to https://sojo.net/

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS CONT.

Anti-Racism Training:

Sept 17, October 15 and November 5th 9:00-3:00



Dr. Freya A. Rivers and Angela Rivers will be offering Anti-Racism Training: Recognizing Seven Faces of Racism and Eradication from 9am-3pm on Saturday Sept 17, October 15 and November 5th.

Lunch will be provided. Please call the church office or sign up in the church narthex to register for these

 training seminars

Islamic Center Tour and Presentation September 27 6:00pm

Sohail Chaudhry, Iman of Islamic Center of East Lansing will be giving us a tour of the Islamic Center. He will then share a presentation on the Quran. Meet at Faith at 6pm and we will travel together. Please sign up in the narthex.



UPCOMING MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

***Chancel Choir Begins September 7th 7:30-9pm***

The Chancel Choir sings most Sundays during the program year. It is open to all interested signers, high-school age and older. We reherse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9pm. We sing a variety of music, from classical to contemporary. Directed by Deb Borton-McDonough.

***Faith Bells Begin September 7th 6:30-7:20pm***

The Faith Bells enrich our worship one Sunday each month. The bell choir is open to ringers 8th grade and older. We reherse Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:20pm.

 

Painting of Faith Church by Taylor Belonga for 60th Anniversary

**Celebrate 60 years of Faith**

**September 18, 2016 Banquet**

The Good Lord has truly blessed us, and so we will gather to

give thanks and celebrate Faith Lutheran’s 60th anniversary!

We will enjoy a wonderful Italian Buffet, including a gluten-free entrée, to please both adult and children’s palates. There will be music, reminiscing and thoughts about the future of Faith Lutheran in Okemos.

DATE: Sunday, September 18, 2016

TIME: Welcome & Prayer 12:15 PM

Meal 12:30 PM

LOCATION: Big Ten Room C in the MSU Kellogg

Center on Harrison Road

TICKETS: $26.00 Adults

 $18.25 Gluten Free/Vegetarian Meal

 $12.25 Children 10 and under

Tickets are on sale NOW! Last day of ticket sales is Sunday September 11. Reserve your tickets during Sunday worship or call/stop by the church office. Parking will be Free.

*Please mark “60th Banquet” on your checks.*

 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

**CARING COMMITTEE NEWS**

In one month children in our community will be go back to school. They will need to start their day with a healthy breakfast. You can help make sure that happens by joining the Caring Committee in the annual Back-to-School Breakfast Bag Food Drive. Individuals, families and committees are encouraged to shop for any or all of the following items:

* Oatmeal
* Cold Cereal
* Pancake Mix
* Syrup
* Canned Fruit
* Muffin Mix
* Juice
* Jelly
* Peanut Butter
* Breakfast Bars
* Instant Breakfast Drinks

Place your food donations in the grocery cart between now and September. With cash donations we will purchase milk, bread and eggs. There will also be a sign-up sheet hanging on the Committee Information board.

Thank you Faith Family for your care, concern and desire to help others in our community in HIS name.

**GREEN TEAM NEWS**

***START SAVING THOSE PLASITIC BAGS!!***

*Bring in your plastic bags and consider buying Reusable Shopping bags for $5 from the youth at Faith. See More information in the “Important Information” section****.***

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**\*Needed\* 2016-17** **Sunday School Teachers-
One Sunday a Month:**

We need teachers for one Sunday a month for ages Preschool (3-5 years) and Trinity (4th-6th grades). The lessons are planned for you and are very easy to follow and present. You do not have to have a teaching background, it does not require a weekly commitment, and it is a great way to become involved at the church. Please let Melinda Schultz know at mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net.

**Parish Education Meetings**Parish Ed meetings will be held after church service on the second Sunday of each month.

**Rally Day**Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 11th. Sunday School classes will begin at 9:00 in the Small Fellowship Hall for grades Pre-K through 3rd. Fourth grade through eighth grade will begin in their classrooms. The High School Students will meet in their classroom.

**High School (Youth Group) Parent Meeting**
On Rally Day, September 11th, there will be an informational meeting for the High School parents and youth at 12:00ish (directly following the picnic) in the Large Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Calendars (for the year), possible Mission Trip destinations, Fundraising, etc.

**Trinity and Confirmation Parent Meeting**
On the first T&C night on September 14th, there will be an informational meeting for parents and children regarding Calendars, Acolyting, and other important aspects of this program. Confirmation students will learn about all of the requirements for the program and we will discuss vital Calendar dates immediately following the Acolyte instruction. Dinner will be offered from 6:00-6:30 for everyone, with the meeting beginning directly afterwards.

Important Education Dates in September

8th: Sunday School Teacher Orientation

10th: Tent-Set-up 11:30am

11th: Rally Day 9:00 am

 Confirmation Mug Painting 7-8th Grade, 9:00 am

 Teacher Installation 10:00 am

 Youth Group Parent Meeting

14th First Trinity & Conf. and Parent Meeting 6:00 pm

21st T&C 6:00 pm

25th Sunday School Children Sing at Worship 10:00 am

28th T&C 6:00 pm

October

2nd Youth Sunday 10:00 am

NEWS FROM OUR SYNOD MISSION PARTNER CHURCH

A delicious Taco Dinner fundraiser will be served from 6-7:30pm on Thursday September 15 2016 at Redeemer Church in Lansing.  All-you-can-eat tacos, refried beans, Mexican rice, beverages, and dessert.  $8 per adult; $7 per senior citizen age 60+, $3 per child under 10 years.  Everyone is welcome.  No reservation necessary.  Carry-out available.

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 517-882-8000 or janhite@sbcglobal.net.

NEWS FROM MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

Meridian Regional Recycling Event

Saturday October 1, 2016 9-2pm at Chippewa Middle School

Items you can recycle include electronics, egg Cartons, packing peanuts, furniture, clothing, old medicines, paints etc.

Please see the township website at the link below to find out what items can be recycled and specific instructions for certain items. If you don’t have online access, please call the church office and we can mail you a copy.

http://recycle.meridian.mi.us/events/





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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Websites

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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/