**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**September 18th**

*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, Harry Nawrock,

 and Dale Halverson.

🕆 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, Pat Hillberg & Family, Marilyn Borri,

 Jane Lightle, Dennis Cobler and John Joseph Lanzetta.

🕆 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 Polly Standley (interim), and the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church of Woodland in your prayers of intercession this week.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

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

Vase 1 & Vase 2 Dick and Lil Jennings in celebration of their 68th wedding anniversary and in celebration of Beth Belonga’s birthday.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Weekly Offering 09/11/16 Year-to-date as of 06/30/2016

General Fund $5724.11 Income $161,583.67

Loose Cash 96.00 Expenses 175,529.15

60th Anniversary Banquet 212.00 Net Income $(13,945.48)

Capital Repairs 25.00

World Hunger 50.00

Church Directory 20.00

Lutheran Disaster Relief 50.00

Faces of Racism 50.00

Total $6227.11

Simply Giving $2081.00

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**TODAY Sign up today to deliver Back-to-School Breakfast Bags to Meridian Township families next Sunday the 25th.**

**Reusable shopping bags are for sale $5/each in the narthex as a way to prevent “urban tumbleweeds” and as a fundraiser for the Youth.**

**October-December Portals of Prayer booklets are personal and family devotions are available on the resource table near the elevator. Take one home with you today.**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP

12:15 p.m. Welcome and Prayer Begin at 60th Anniversary Celebration

6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes: Gretchen Bills & Elaine Harrison

Monday, September 19

 **October Newsletter Deadline**

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

Worship folder announcements deadline

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

6:30 p.m. Evangelism & Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

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

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Fall Kickoff at Faith

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir Begins

6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner for T& C Parent Meeting

6:30 p.m. T &C Parent Meeting

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 22

Friday, September 23

Saturday, September 24

Noon Young Adults to Old Chicago

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you were not able to have your picture taken for the new directory, there are two ways to have one included. You may submit a professional photograph with the permission of the photographer or email a snapshot to Elaine Harrison (jon.harrison@comcast.net). We can also scan a snapshot if you have a current one.

To be included in the directory you would need to get a photograph along with $10.00 to the church or

 Elaine Harrison by the end of September.

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Faith’s Stewardship campaign will begin this week. Please watch your mailbox for a letter from the Stewardship Committee that will contain your pledge card. Please return your pledge cards on Sunday, October 16th.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES

***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**

***CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group Meeting***

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

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES CONT.

***NEW BOOK CLUB***

**BOOK GROUP CONVERSATION** –

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.

**RIC Education: Beginning Sunday October 2 9:00 am**

All are welcome to meet in the library during the Sunday School hour. We will be watching the DVD *Seven Passages: The Story of Gay Christians.* During our time together we will watch a section of the DVD, take time to discuss it, answer questions, and share stories. We will continue meeting each Sunday until we complete the DVD.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



The October Newsletter Deadline is Tuesday. I would **LOVE** to include not only events yet to come but pictures and information from events that took place in August and September. I would be happy to help format any information that you send. Please email what you have to klove@faithlutheranokemos.org. THANK YOU!

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EVENTS

**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, or please meet us at the Islamic Center. Presentation will begin at 6:30pm. Please sign up in the narthex.

**RIC “Framing” October 2nd following Worship Service**

 **All are welcome** as we discuss “Framing” and determine the frame of reference that we will use at Faith as we are going through the welcoming/RIC process.

Determining our frame is looking at who we are as a congregation, what we value the most, and what makes us unique.

This will last about an hour and will help the RIC planning group in understanding our congregation as they plan the rest of the educational events over the next year. The meeting will take place in the large fellowship hall.

Anti-Racism Training:

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

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EVENTS

**Bread for the World Sunday October 16th**

On October 16th we celebrate Bread for the World Sunday as an opportunity to renew our commitment to pray, act and give for an end to hunger it God’s world. Empowered by Jesus’ presence in our lives, we seek not to be served, by to serve. Drawn into the gravity of God’s love, we reach out to our sisters and brothers who struggle to get enough to eat.

 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

**“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 **TODAY** 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.

**CARING COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Caring Committee THANKS YOU for your generous donations to the Breakfast Bag collection. Deliveries will be made Sunday September 25th and drivers are needed. Please SIGN UP in the narthex.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2016-17 Youth Group Fundraising**

The youth are beginning to fundraise for the ELCA National Gathering being held in Houston, TX. This is a wonderful event that Faith Lutheran Church has participated in for many years. Due to the distance we have to travel to attend, we will be flying, which means that we have to raise more money than is typical. In order to accomplish our goal, we will be holding monthly events. Our most successful events have been meals, which also fosters fellowship, so it is a win-win! We will be holding these meals immediately following the worship service, so on those dates, your lunch is taken care of by the youth.

If you are unable to attend the meal fundraiser, we would appreciate if you would donate needed items to produce the meal. The more items that are donated, the less we have to take out of our profits. Here are the dates so that you can add to them your calendar:

**October 30th**  12:00pm, Chili Chowdown

 and Games

**November 20th** 11:30am, Spaghetti Lunch

**December 4th** 11:15am, Bake Sale

**January 27th**  Time TBD, Cabaret & Auction

**February 28th**  5:30, Shrove Supper

**March 19th**  11:30am, March Madness

 Meal

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.**

**April 30th** 12:00pm, Quiche Meal



**May 7th** 11:15am, Mother’s

 Day Bouquets pre-sale

We look forward to seeing everyone!! And, as always, we will continue with our Swarming and Recycling.

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**Upcoming Activities**

September 21st 6:00-8:00pm, T&C (Trinity &

 Confirmation)
September 25th 10:00am, Sunday School Children sing

 at church service TBD, Youth Group Outing
September 28th 6:00-8:00pm, T&C
October 2nd 10:00am, Youth Sunday/2016 Mission

 Trip Update
October 5th 6:00-8:00pm, T&C
October 9th Operation Christmas Shoebox begins
October 12th 6:00-8:00pm, T&C
October 19th 6:00-8:00pm, T&C/College Care

 Packages Night
October 23rd 3rd Graders receive their Bibles
 Youth Group Activity/Haunted Maze,

 house, time TBD
October 26th 6:00-8:00pm, T&C Fun Night
October 30th 10:00am, Children sing in church
 11:15am, Quarterly Meeting
 12:00pm, Chili Chowdown and Games

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/

NEWS IN OUR CITY

**Christian Services Ministry Experience**

Thursday, September 22.  Open House format from 5 – 7 pm.  Hosted for Christian Services by Riverview REO Towne venue.

-This event will answer **all** the burning questions about **who Christian Services is** and how we work to help churches met needs of the less fortunate in our community.

-Not only will you meet Christian Services staff and board members but more importantly you will have the **opportunity to connect with church volunteers from network church ministry banks** that serve the needy on a weekly basis and learn how your church can help.

-This connection could **inspire your church to become more actively involved and put a face to those seeking assistance** from our helping church network.

**-RSVP** by calling the Christian Services office 517-394-5413.





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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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

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