**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FaithFamily&Friends3

**October 16th**

*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

***November Faith Family News newsletter*⎯Monday October 17th**

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,

Dale Halverson and the Barry family.

🕆 Friends and family—

Pat Belonga, Chris Cotter, Dick and Lil Jennings, Terrie Becker, 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,

Melody and Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.

🕆 Lutheran Social Services of Michigan children who seek adoption—

Marshall & Lorenzo. 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 Bob Mueller and the congregation of Sudanese Christ Lutheran Church in your prayers of intercession this week.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by. . .

Vase 1: Carl, Kathy and Emily Richardson in celebration of Harry Nawrock’s

birthday.

Vase 2: The Belonga family in celebration of Keith’s birthday.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Weekly Offering 10/09/16 Year-to-date as of 08/31/2016

General Fund $3,960.00 Income $191,621.49

Loose Checks 15.00 Expenses 199,304.81

Loose Cash 34.00 Net Income $( 7,683.32)

Flowers 100.00

World Hunger 10.00

Youth Education 15.00

60th Anniversary 52.00

Meijer Community Rewards 58.01

Total $4244.01

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

**TODAY 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.**

**Newsletter Deadline Tomorrow!**

9:00 a.m. “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible”

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP: Pledge Sunday

Bread for the World: Offering of Letters

6:00-10:00 p.m. Evening Volunteers at Loaves and Fishes Overnight Shelter

Volunteering in the evening from 6-10pm offers the opportunity to spend time with shelter guests. Part of your evening will be spent helping the guests get settled when they arrive at Loaves and Fishes. Once dinner is served to the guests, you can sit down and enjoy dinner and lively conversation with them. Faith is responsible for filling two volunteer spots on the third Sunday of each month. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the hallway bulletin board. If you are interested, or would like to know more about what this involves, please speak with Gretchen Bills or Tammy Heilman.

Monday, October 17th

Newsletter Deadline

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th

Worship folder announcements deadline

12:00 p.m. Lectionary study in Pastor Ellen’s office

6:30 p.m. Evangelism and Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, October 19th

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

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

11:30 am. 60 +/- Meeting

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir

6:00 p.m. Trinity and Confirmation/Care Package Night

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 20th

7:00 p.m. RIC Meeting

Friday, October 21st

Saturday, October 22nd

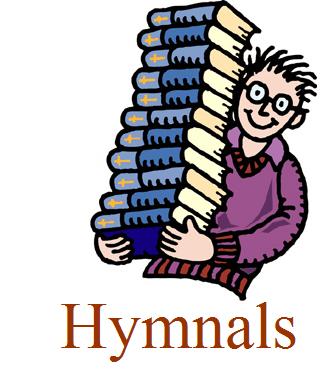
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**New Member Sunday** will take place Sunday, October 30th. Are you interested in becoming a member of Faith? Contact Pastor Ellen for more details. prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org



**Quarterly Meeting** Sunday October 30th.

Join us immediately following Worship.



Do you have a Faith Hymnal at home? If the answer is YES… please return it to Faith. Thanks!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES

***CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group Meeting***

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

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

Thursday December 8th: Kathy Mrozinski will be speaking. Kathy is the Marketing Manager for Senior CommUnity Care of Michigan PACE Program. The program is an all-inclusive care for the elderly in Ingham, Eaton and Clinton Counties.

***SIXTY +/- Meeting 11:30am Wednesday Oct 19th***

***Brown Bag Lunch and Program***

***Bonnie DePue, Occupational Therapist, presents***

***“CHUM Therapeutic Riding, Inc.”***

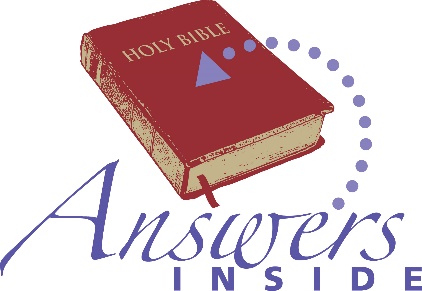
The website for Children and Horses United in Movement (CHUM) describes this therapeutic riding program as follows:

“It has always been clear that CHUM is a God driven, faith built, grace guided program where individuals with and without disabilities share and develop their love for horses. In this process, we see ‘life lessons’ occurring in the barn, victories over challenges, hope over despair, and relationship building in trust and love.”

Bonnie DePue will join us on October 19 to share pictures and tell us about her personal experiences working with this special riding program, based in nearby Dansville.

Bring your own brown bag or box lunch. The committee will furnish beverages and dessert, and all of you will provide the fellowship!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES



***How Lutherans Interpret the Bible*, starting October 16 at 9:00am**

STARTING TODAY!

Everyone is welcome! We will meet in the library during the Sunday School hour.

***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 next gathering will take place at 7:00 PM on

**Wednesday, October 26**

If you are able to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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

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 next gathering will be:

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

UPCOMING OCTOBER/NOVEMBER EVENTS

Anti-Racism Training:

Last Session 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. The last Seminar will be on November 5th.

**Chili Chowdown Youth Fundraiser October 30th Noon**

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Join us Sunday October 30th for a FUN Chili Chowdown and Games fundraiser for our Youth. Warm up with a bowl of chili and fellowship.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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Join us Sunday November 6th after Worship for Property Clean-up Day. Lots of hands will make the work go fast. Questions? Contact Mark Marquardt or Bob Nelson.

**GREEN TEAM TIP OF THE MONTH**

****If it’s not in use, turn off the juice! Every bit of “juice” we save by turning off unused lights, appliances, and other devices using power will reduce our energy use and save us money!

**“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. 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.



**Quilting Ministry Needs**

The Quilting Ministry needs your help with some supplies.

Items Needed

* Flannel and cotton sheets, any size
* Blankets in good condition
* Large Fabric yardage to use as a “top”- each quilt requires a top, back and filler.

Everyone is welcome on Wednesday mornings. The quilting ministry thanks you for your donation.

**News from our Synod Partner**

All Children are welcome to participate in a FREE and safe alternative on Halloween. “Trunks of Treats” will take place from 6-8pm on October 31, 2016 at Redeemer Church in Lansing. 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](mailto:janhite@sbcglobal.net)

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Thrivent Action Teams are needed again!!!**  
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: Chili Chowdown, Spaghetti Lunch, Cabaret and Auction, Shrove Supper, March Madness Meal, Quiche Meal, and Faith Vacation Bible School . Use this link to get started: <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/> Please see Melinda to get specific details or if you have any questions.

 **Youth Group Fundraiser (partnering with Membership Development)  
Chili Chowdown – October 30th, 12:00-1:30pm**On Sunday, October 30th, the youth group will be offering a Chili meal (vegetarian choices as well), cornbread, cider, dessert, as well as fun games and activities for the children. We will also have pumpkin carving assistance if you bring in your own pumpkins with your family. It will be a great time!!! Cost for the meal is $5.00 each or $15.00 per family. Please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church. Money collected the evening of the event.

**\*\*\***Although we would **love** everyone to attend the Chili Chowdown, we understand that schedules can be hectic. If you would like to contribute for the actual meal, please see the list below and also in the

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.**

Narthex, as there is a sign-up sheet for the items. Any donations help the youth defray costs that shrink their net gain:

9 pounds ground beef  
12 cans red kidney beans (cans are 14.5 oz)  
12 cans diced tomatoes (cans are 14.5 oz)  
12 packages McCormick Chili Mild mix  
3 pounds Boca Veggie crumbles  
3 pounds ground turkey  
6 cans cannellini beans (cans are 14.5 oz)  
48 eggs  
1 GFS big Brownie Mix or (6 Duncan Hines Brownie Mix)  
2 vegetable oil, standard size  
13 boxes Jiffy cornbread mix

6 bags shredded cheddar cheese  
3 bags shredded Monterey jack  
1 bag yellow onions  
3 large containers of sour cream  
4 chicken stock containers  
1 gallon of milk for cooking  
2 Gallons of Cider  
1 Gallon of White milk  
2 Gallons of Chocolate milk  
1 Can of Coffee  
1 box of Tea

**Upcoming Activities**  
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

November 20th Spaghetti Lunch





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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