**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FaithFamily&Friends3

**October 23rd**

*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*⎯**

**There is still time to submit items for the November Newsletter.**

**Please submit by Tuesday November 25th**

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 Matt Deames (International Trained Interim) and the congregation of Feast of Victory Lutheran Church of Acme, Michigan 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 & 2: The Richardson Family in celebration of the marriage of Emily Richardson and Justin Brown.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Weekly Offering 10/16/16 Year-to-date as of 09/30/2016

General Fund $3,180.00 Income $219,713.88

LWR-Quilt 50.00 Expenses 230,499.15

Loose Cash 27.00 Net Income (-10,785.27)

World Hunger 100.00

Facility Rental 50.00

Total $3407.00

Simply Giving $2826.00

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Twenty-third 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.**

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

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP: 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

6:00 p.m. Youth to Corn Maze

Monday, October 17th

7:00 p.m. Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, October 18th

Worship folder announcements deadline

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

Wednesday, October 19th

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

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir

6:00 p.m. Trinity and Confirmation

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:00 p.m. “Swallowed Tears” Book discussion

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 20th

Friday, October 21st

Saturday, October 22nd

Noon Young Adults to Old Chicago

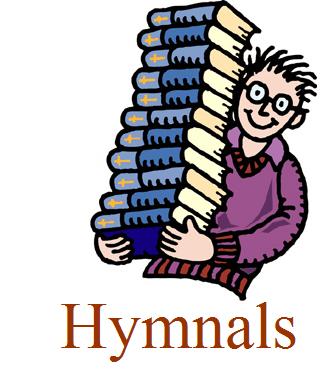
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**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.

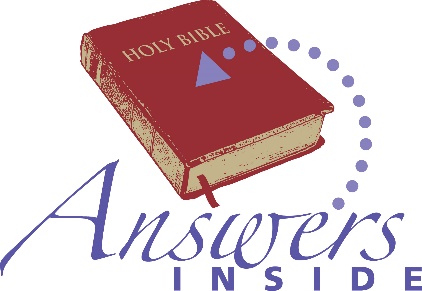


Do you have a Faith Hymnal at home? If the answer is YES… please return it to Faith. Thanks!

**Service of Worship & Prayer for Discernment & Healing**

As we move into the week of the election, we are going to hold a Worship & Prayer Service on Sunday, November 6th, at 6:30pm. This will be a contemplative service incorporating scripture, prayer and some of the music or Taize.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES



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

Everyone is welcome! We will meet in the large fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour.

***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.

Thursday January 12th: Angie Cantlon form CareLinc Medical Equipment will speak on how the Durable Medical Equipment World works. There is more offered then just a wheelchair and a walker!



**November 16th at 11:30 “The Joys of Lighthouse Keeping”**

The November 60 +/- has a Faith star of its own:

Ann Mayer, will relate her most recent adventure in fulfilling

her “bucket list”. Those of you who attended the Anniversary

Dinner in September at the Kellogg Center will know they are in

for a treat as we recall Ann as a delightful and entertaining

emcee that afternoon. Lighthouse keeping is her theme,

but expect to be surprised by her adventures there!

Put a star by the date in your calendar, bring a friend,

and look forward to an outstanding afternoon!

Meal plans will soon be posted on the Faith at Work

Board in the narthex. Please **SIGN UP** and let us

know what you are bringing to the last potluck of

2016!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES CONT.

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

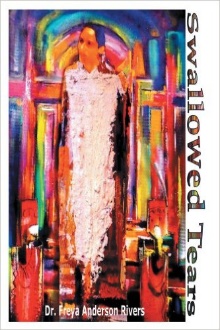
Pastor Ellen will be hosting a Young Adult Gathering at Old Chicago (Ages 18-40ish.) This gathering will take place once a month and it will be a time when those present will discuss how faith intersects what is happening in present culture. The pizza at these gatherings is on Pastor Ellen while attendees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

The next gathering will be:

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

***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**

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.

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

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.

**November 23rd Annual Pie Fest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

****Immediately following worship on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday November 23rd), Membership Development will be hosting the annual Pie Fest.  Join Faith Family & Friends for fellowship and delicious pies. Beverages will be provided. If you would like to bring a pie, there is a sign-up sheet under Membership Development on the Message board in the Narthex.

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**Wanted:** Someone to wash the Albs, used by the Acolytes and Assistants. They don't need pressing! Albs need to be washed once a year. If you can do this, please contact Diane Hill.

We would love to have them nice and clean for the Holiday Season!

**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.

**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 Narthex, as there is a sign-up sheet for the items.

Any donations help the youth defray costs that shrink their net gain:

**UPDATED LIST OF NEEDS**

5 cans red kidney beans (cans are 14.5 oz)  
5 cans diced tomatoes (cans are 14.5 oz)  
6 cans cannellini beans (cans are 14.5 oz)  
48 eggs  
2 vegetable oil, standard size  
4 boxes Jiffy cornbread mix

3 bags shredded Monterey jack  
1 bag yellow onions  
1 large containers of sour cream  
2 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

***Our list is getting smaller!! Thank you!!***

**Halloween Candy Needed**  
Parish Education is in need of the following candies for gifts to the children at Christmas time, so when you are out before and after Halloween, there may be discounts available. Individually wrapped little packages of: Candy Canes, Gold Wrapped Rolo, Smarties, Dove, Starlight mint, Milky Way, Life Saver, Hershey Hugs, and Almond Joy. Thank you for all of your support.

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**Upcoming Activities**  
October 23rd: 6:00: Best Corn Maze: Youth Group Outing  
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

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule – “Christmas in a Box”**Starting in November, we will be holding rehearsals during Trinity/Confirmation evenings with the 4-6 grades. We will be running the songs in November during the first 15 minutes of class time with Pre-K through 6th grade. In December, we will practice during Sunday School on the 4th and December 11th. Additionally, we will have a dress rehearsal for **everyone** after church on December 4th from 11:30-1:00pm. We will feed the children and then rehearse. The pageant is Sunday, December 11th during the service. Hope to see everyone's family for our celebration of the birth of Jesus!

**Youth Group Outing – Best Corn Maze**

Today at 6:00pm we will be meeting at the church to go to the Corn Maze, where we will navigate our way through the maze and play a little Laser Tag among the corn tassels!!! The cost is $12.00 (possible discounts depending on our group size). If they want to bring extra money, there is cider and donuts available at the location (YUM)! We should be home no later than 8:30, but that depends on how lost we get….

**Special Faith Family Announcements**

John and Gayle McCracken have the pleasure of announcing the marriage of their son Gregory Alan McCracken to Melissa Ann Zabel on Friday, the Twenty-first of October, Two Thousand and Sixteen in Marion County (Ross/San Francisco), California.

**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)



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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