**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

FaithFamily&Friends3

**November 20th**

*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

***December Faith Family News newsletter*⎯**

**Please submit by Monday November 21st**

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 the Barry family.

🕆 Friends and family—

Pat Belonga, Chris Cotter, 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, John Joseph Lanzetta and Bethany

Robison. Please pray for Erika Engel, her brother David and mother Edwina

Engel upon the death of Erika’s brother Jerry.

🕆 Our mission partner congregation⎯Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church

🕆 Those in military service⎯Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks,

Melody and Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.

🕆 Samaritas children who seek adoption— Grace and Darriona. 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 Shirley Ross-Jones and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Alpena, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

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

Faith Lutheran: We are Glad you’re here!

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Weekly Offering 11/13/16**  Year-to-date as of 09/30/2016

General Fund $3190.00 Income $219,713.88

Loose Cash 53.00 Expenses 230,499.15

Loose Checks 140.00 Net Income (-10,785.27)

Shirley Jirele Memorial 250.00

Dick Jennings Memorial 25.00

World Hunger 110.00

Samaritas Shoebox 20.00



Total $3788.00

**Memorial Fund Envelopes** are available in the narthex. Take as many as you would like. You can notate who the gift is for and if you would like the family to be notified.

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

**TODAY Poinsettia Order Forms are available in the narthex.**

**Orders are due by December 4th.**



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

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP:

11:30 a.m. Spaghetti Lunch: All are Welcome

11:30 a.m. Listening Post

6:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes

Monday, November 21st

December Newsletter Deadline

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 22nd

Worship folder announcements deadline

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

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 23rd

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

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service

Following: Pie Fest

Thursday, November 24th Thanksgiving Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25th

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 26th

9:30 a.m. Decorating the Church

**Do you Love to Decorate?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

****Mark your calendar and join Pastor Ellen on Saturday, November 26th at 9:30 am. We will be putting up the Christmas tress and other decorations to make the building look festive for the Holiday Season! Pastor Ellen will supply donuts and coffee! Come and enter into the Holiday spirit with us!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Thanksgiving Service**



Join us Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm for our Thanksgiving Service.

**New Member Sunday**

Our next New Member Sunday is November 27th. Are you interested in becoming a member at Faith Lutheran? Contact Pastor Ellen at [prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org) .

**Lay Assistant Training**

We would like all of those who volunteer their time as lay assistant to go through a small training.

*Sunday, November 27th* immediately following worship.

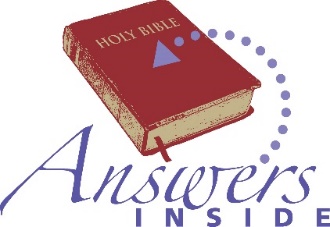
Please contact Diane Wilke or the Church office for more information and to sign up. Thank you!

**Altar Care Leader**

We are need of a **leader for Altar Care** to guide the team and make the schedules.  If two people would like to work together on this, it be a cooperative effort.  Many hands make light work!! Please contact Diane Hill.

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, 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!

Thursday, February 9th : Michelle Traill – Crosser from Caring Transitions will be speaking about downsizing.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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

****Immediately following worship on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday November 23rd at 7pm), 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.

**Holiday Cookie Exchange\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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The Membership Development Committee will host a **Holiday Cookie Exchange** on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm. Please sign up to join us by December 4th on the message board and pick up a copy of the guidelines. Join us for yummy treats, fellowship and take home an assortment of delicious cookies to share with your holiday guests!

Holiday attire is encouraged and door prizes will be given!

**Samaritas Operation GOOD CHEER!!\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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This year Samaritas has given Faith Lutheran **13 children** to bless with Christmas Wishes. A Chart of wishes has been set up in the narthex. Each child has a list of 3 wishes. You may purchase as many items as you can. Gifts may be wrapped. Please make sure to put the child’s first name and last initial on the box.

Please contact Marla Holle or Katie Love with any questions.

**Deadline is Sunday, December 4th!!**

**Grab a Friend, Partner together, Have Fun!**



**Stuff the Stocking Food Drive**

**Caring Committee News**

The Faith Lutheran Caring Committee was asked by the Meridian Township Human Services Director if we could provide support to families during the Christmas/Winter school break. There is a need for food items during this two week break from school because children are at home during this time and do not get their breakfasts and/or lunches at school. Please look in the narthex for the grocery cart to appear and be ready to collect the donations for food items needed.

Needed Items…

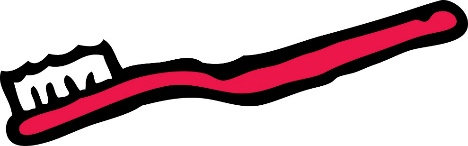
Peanut butter, jelly, snack bars, pop tarts, muffin mix, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruits, boxed cereals, oatmeal, macaroni & cheese, boxed meals-example hamburger helper, soup, boxed crackers, rice, pasta and spaghetti sauce.

With your cash donations we will purchase one dozen eggs, one gallon of milk and a loaf of bread to be included with the food donations.

Thank you, Faith Family, for helping those in the community that have a need. Food collection for this project begin now and our delivery date will be Sunday, December 18.

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**GREEN TEAM TIP OF THE MONTH**

**Reduce Your Water Use**

Try turning off water while brushing your teeth or lathering up in the shower

Install aerators in faucets or shower heads

Older toilets use a lot of water **-** you can reduce your usage by sinking a half gallon jug of water in the toilet tank.

Did you know?  That most modern dishwashers when fully loaded conserve more water than hand washing.

**Poinsettia Order**

Now is the time to order your poinsettias! Order forms are available in the church narthex. Please put your order form in the church office or in Katie Love’s church mailbox. Thanks!



**November Stewardship: ELCA Good Gifts**

Forms regarding the ELCA Good Gifts are available in the narthex and in the November newsletter.

**Thank you!\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The property team thanks those who helped with the church grounds cleanup on Nov. 6th. We really appreciate your help.

Bob & Mark

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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: 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.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.**

**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, Dove, Starlight mint, Milky Way, Life Saver, Hershey Hugs, and Almond Joy. Thank you for all of your support.

**HELP NEEDED**I am in need of a Cabaret and Auction Co-Chair to help me with the planning of this fun event. The event will be held on January 27, 2017, so we need to start now. Please, please let me know if you are able to go on this wonderful adventure with me!

**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!