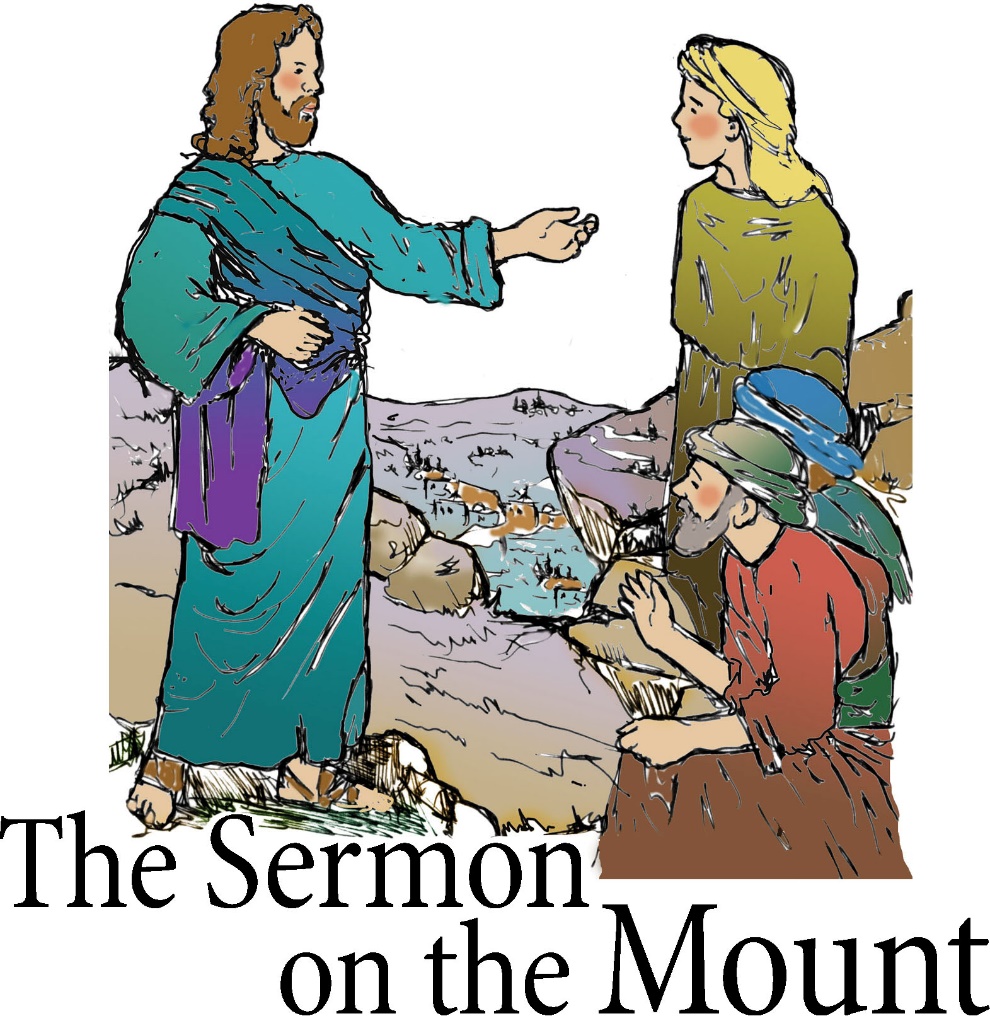
Welcome to

Faith Lutheran

**February 12, 2017**

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**GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**“And also with you”**

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all,” the presiding minister greets the assembly gathered for worship. “And also with you,” the assembly responds.

After the prayers of intercession and before the offering, the presiding minister says, “The peace of Christ be with you always,” and the assembly responds, “And also with you.” Then worshipers physically (handshakes, kisses, peace signs, waves, nods, hugs, fist bumps) and verbally share the peace of Christ with each other. “Peace be with you!” “And also with you!” “The Lord be with you!” “And with you!”

After the offering is gathered and the table is set for communion, thanksgiving is offered. This includes the minister chanting or saying, “The Lord be with you,” and the assembly once again responding, “And also with you.”

These three opportunities for mutual blessing remind us we cannot be right with God without being right with our neighbor. These greetings, built into worship, offer Spirit-spaces where we are nudged to “be reconciled to your brother or sister” (Matt. 5:24).

It can be downright difficult to share God’s peace in worship. Just as in families, as brothers and sisters in Christian community we know each other well enough to inflict pain. The resulting anger and hurt can cause the words of God’s peace to stick in our throats.

Fortunately, as Christian community, all saints and sinners, we know that when exchanging God’s peace is difficult, it is then that the exchange is most important. We remember the exhortation of Jesus to reconcile. We remember the command to love one another. God’s Spirit troubles our conscience, pushing us past hurt and anger and pushing us toward forgiveness and reconciliation.

**Sunday, February 12, 2017**

ELW Holy Communion Setting Eight

**Introduction to the day**

In today’s reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today’s gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus’ instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

*If hearing assistance is needed, please ask an usher for a personal PA receiver.*

*The ushers also have large print copies of today’s worship folder available.*

*If it will be difficult for you to stand along with the congregation during*

*any part of the worship service, please feel free to remain seated.*

*There is a nursery available during the worship service for those who wish*

*to use it. It is located at the end of the hall beyond the coat racks.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.*

*Please register your attendance and join us in fellowship after the service.*

Prayer Requests

PRELUDE

*The pre-service music signals the beginning of the worship service. Silence during the*

*pre-service music enables worshipers to prepare for worship through quiet meditation.*

Healer of Our Every Ill Hymn 612 arr. Jeffrey Honore

**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross,*

*the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who stretches out the heavens,

who sends light to the nations,

who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin

in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way**

**to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times**

**we have spoken or acted too quickly;**

**we have not spoken or acted at all;**

**we have hurt those closest to us;**

**we have hurt those we have yet to know;**

**we have thought more about ourselves than others;**

**we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,**

**so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God’s love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven,

for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

***O Christ, Our Hope ELW #604***

**Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Canticle of Praise**



**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God’s presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

A reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said to the people:] 15See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are fellow workers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

1Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, 3for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? 4For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?  
  5What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. 6I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. 9For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 21“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ 22But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. 23So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. 25Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. 26Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.  
  27“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.  
  31“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.  
  33“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ 34But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Childrens message**

**Sermon**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*****Healer of Our Every Ill ELW #612***

*The assembly is seated*

**Presentation of New members**

*The presiding minister begins.* Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Ellen Holste, united with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome into the life and ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

**Apostles’ Creed**

*The presiding minister continues.*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,** **the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,** **the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,** **and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God’s faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

*The presiding minister addresses the new member.*

Do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God’s people in this place?

*Those being welcomed respond.*

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for this new member in Christian living?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**WELCOME**

*Those being welcomed face the assembly. The pastor addresses the assembly.*

Let us welcome our new member to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to the entire world.**

*The congregation gives acclamation and thanks.*

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**Prayers of Intercession**

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God’s justice, peace, and healing.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed.*

*To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*The presiding minister concludes the*

*prayers, and the assembly responds:*

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace,*

*and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**offering**

Chancel Choir Break the Break, Pour the Wine (Hayes)

**offering Response**

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**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,

shining with the light of your justice and mercy;

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Lord’s Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,

let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

We who are many are one body,

for we all partake of the one bread.

Come. Be filled with light and life.

**Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

**Communion Song**

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**congregational song**

***There is a Balm in Gilead ELW #614***

**congregational song**

***We Come to You for Healing, Lord ELW #617***

*The assembly stands*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ

Strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**Prayer after Communion**

O Morning Star, fair and bright,

you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

that we tell the story of your never-ending love

and sing your praise both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

The God of glory dwell in you richly,

name you beloved,

and shine brightly on your path;

and the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**sending song**



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**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**postlude**

“Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen” (Hymn 604) Johann G. Walther

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The arms of our loving God are open wide to receive you, for this time of worship and forever. Welcome!

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Director of Christian Education Melinda Schultz

Director of Music Debra Borton-McDonough

Organist/Pianist Bruce Williams

February 5, 2017 Attendance: 143

Serving Faith February 12 February 19

Acolyte Clayton Wenzel Anja Guenther

Altar Care Elaine Harrison & Peggy Crum

Communion Assistants Clayton Wenzel Anja Guenther

Walter Kopf Robert Shorman

Natalie Dingledine Elaine Harrison

Greeters Dick & Sally Knoll Rich Weingartner

Lay Assistants Walter Kopf Bob Nelson

Readers Natalie Dingledine Elaine Harrison

Ushers John & Elaine Harrison

Nursery Mark & Jody Marquardt Drew and Pam Williams

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**February 12 , 2017**

*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

***March Faith Family News newsletter*⎯**

**Please submit by Monday February 20**

Submit to Katie at klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Please lift up in prayer this week:

🕆 Members—Mildred Thorn, Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow, Ellen Milne,

Harry Nawrock, the Barry Family and Harold Sollenberger.

🕆 Friends and family—

Pat Belonga, Chris Cotter, Terrie Becker, Allie, Heather,

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

Brown, Susan Heft, Pat Hillberg & Family, Dennis Cobler, John Joseph

Lanzetta, Bethany Robison, and the White family. Please keep Rich

Weingartners mother, Sally Weingartner and his sister Lani Yearicks in your

prayers.

🕆 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— Giovanni, Jessica, LeeAnn and

Valerie. 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 Julie Schneider-Thomas and the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church of Comstock, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Weekly Offering 02/05/17**  Year-to-date as of 12/31/2016

Loose Cash $ 72.00 Income $297,799.65

Loose Checks $ 30.00 Expenses 298,786.78

Tanzania Water Project $ 25.00 Net Income (987.13)

World Hunger $ 30.00

Flowers $ 25.00

General Fund $ 4475.00

Subtotal $ 4657.00

Simply Giving $ 2101.00

Total **$ 6758.00**

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS ­­­­**

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

Walter, Brenda, Katy, Becca Kopf and Amy Cooper in celebration of Austin’s 9th birthday on February 7th and Ciara’s 4th birthday on February 28th.

THIS WEEK’S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

\*\*Reminder\*\* Next Sunday will be the first “Noisy Offering” for the Tanzania Water project. Please start collecting coins this week and bring them to worship next Sunday, February 19th.

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship: New Member Sunday

11:30 a.m. Parish Ed

3:00 p.m. Worship at the Willows

4:30 p.m. Youth Group Outing

Monday, February 13th

Tuesday, February 14th

***Happy Valentine’s Day: Happy Birthday Pastor Ellen***

Worship folder announcements deadline

Noon: Study in Pastor Ellen’s office

Wednesday, February 15th

7:30 a.m. Men’s Study

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Gathering

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

6:00 p.m. T & C

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 16th

6:30 p.m. Worship Service: All are welcome to Join!

7:00 p.m. RIC Meeting

7:15 p.m. Mutual Ministry Committee meeting immediately following worship service.

Friday, February 17th

Saturday, February 18th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Thursday Evening Worship Service**

****The Worship Committee has decided to experiment by adding a second worship service to our weekly schedule.  This service will NOT take place on Sundays.  It WILL take place on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM.  This service will be more intimate, less formal, and more contemplative. Join us if you are able.  Please speak to Pastor Ellen if you have any questions.

\*\*Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, we will be holding weekly Lenten services.  During Lent, the Thursday evening service will not be taking place.  Thursday services will again resume after Easter.\*\*

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**Stewardship News!**

The Stewardship Committee has decided to focus the entire 2017 year on Water for Tanzania. As part of that effort, we will be taking a Noisy Offering on the *3rd Sunday of every month.* **Our first Noisy Offering will be taken next Sunday, February 19**. Save up those coins and plan to bring them on the 3rd Sunday of every month. We look forward to discovering how much money we can give by the end of the year to support Tula Ngasala’s water project in Tanzania.

**Adult Sunday School** Going on NOW

Please join us at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Library as we will be studying Walter Brueggemann’s book “Embracing the Prophets”

Walter, arguably America’s leading Old Testament scholar and theologian, takes us on a wild ride through the poetic prophecy of Hebrew Scripture, identifying cultural contexts, putting a framework to Israel’s history, and, most significantly -and at times challengingly! - drawing connections between Israel’s sociological, economic and spiritual status and that of America today.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES

***Sixty Plus or Minus: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 11:30 a.m.***

***Lunch and Program***

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

***“CHUM Therapeutic Riding, Inc.”***

Bonnie DePue will join us on February 15 to share pictures and tell us about her personal experiences working with CHUM Therapeutic Riding, Inc. This special horseback riding program, based in nearby Dansville, was originally to be the focus of our October program, but was rescheduled because Bonnie was called out of state.

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.”

Join us for lunch and what promises to be an interesting and inspiring program! The committee is furnishing the main course and beverages for lunch. Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES CONT.

Mutual Ministry

The Mutual Ministry committee will be meeting in the library on Thursday, Feb. 16, immediately after the evening service.

also...

Because of the holiday weekend the monthly Listening Post has been moved to Sunday February 26. We'll meet in the library after the morning service,

**Euchre Tournament**

**Friday February 24th @ 7p.m.**

**Come and join Membership Development for a fun night of Euchre. If you do not know how to play that’s o.k.-we will teach you! Bring your own beverage, we will provide a few snacks that won’t get the cards dirty! Sign up in the Narthex on the Membership Development clip board or call the church office. Hope to see you there!**

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group Meeting**

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

Thursday, March 9th: Mike Harrison, Life & Business Coach. From Spectator to Spectacular: Living the Life YOU Want.

Thursday, April 13th: Allie Phillips – Self Empowerment Coach and master energy therapist. The place where energy laws and healing come together for people and pets.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES CONT.

**Marriage Retreat March 3-5, 2017**

We are excited to announce this year’s Marriage Retreat *“Marriage and the Divine Dance”.* The retreat will be in partnership with Peace Lutheran in South Haven and First Lutheran in Muskegon. The seminars will take place at Bethlehem Lutheran in Grand Rapids and begin on Friday evening. We will be staying at the Comfort Inn and Suites, in Comstock Park. Rooms are $99/night + room tax. All meals, except for Saturday night, will be provided. **Please sign up in the narthex by Tuesday, February 14th to reserve your room**.

Please contact Pastor Ellen with any questions.

**LENT BEGINS – Wednesday, March 1**

Join us for **Ash Wednesday Worship on March 1** as we again begin our Lenten journey to the cross.

* Noon Worship Service followed by a soup luncheon
* 7:00 PM Worship Service

Weekly Lenten Services will then take place on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Soup and bread suppers will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by a worship service at 7:15. This year, in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our midweek Lenten series will be built around Luther's Small Catechism.  Luther designed the Small Catechism as a teaching tool of the faith.  Please plan to join us every Wednesday during Lent for these midweek services.

Join us as we make this journey together.

Do you ever wonder

*"where can I recycle this locally?"*

Well there's a free app for that.

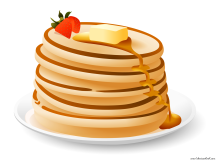
Go to:

<http://earth911.com/irecycle/>

for details.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**High School Weekend – February 24-26**The 9th-12th grade Youth are invited for a fun weekend in Harbor Springs, Michigan from Friday, February 24/5:00pm – Sunday, February 26th/5:00pm.We will leave from the church at 5:00 and return at 5:00 on Sunday.  We will be doing many different things, including fellowship, outdoor activities, indoor activities, cooking, games, etc. The kids will need sleepwear, clothing for three days (in case their stuff gets wet), snow pants, snow boots, gloves and hat, and toiletries.  
The cost is $75.00.  Please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and turn in the money by February 17th. If you have any questions, please let Melinda know.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 28th, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Items Needed**The Youth would appreciate any donations of the following items for the upcoming dinner next month: 2 jars of applesauce (23 oz.), (1) box of butter pads/quantity 200, (2) gallon milk, (2) gallons chocolate milk, (1) gallon orange juice, and (200) turkey sausage links (wow!). There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex by the Youth Bulletin Board. We appreciate your help and look forward to serving you that evening.

**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: March Madness Meal, Quiche Meal, or 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.

**Important Dates in February and March**   
**TODAY - Youth Group Outing, SPARE TIME LASER TAG & MAZE, 4:30-8:00pm**  
19th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL  
24th-26th Youth Weekend, 5:00pm – 6:00pm  
28th - Shrove Supper, 5:30-7:00pm  
1st - NO TRINITY OR CONFIRMATION – ASH

WEDNESDAY  
5TH - Scout Sunday  
5th - Children sing during service.  
19th - March Madness Meal, 11:30-1:00pm





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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