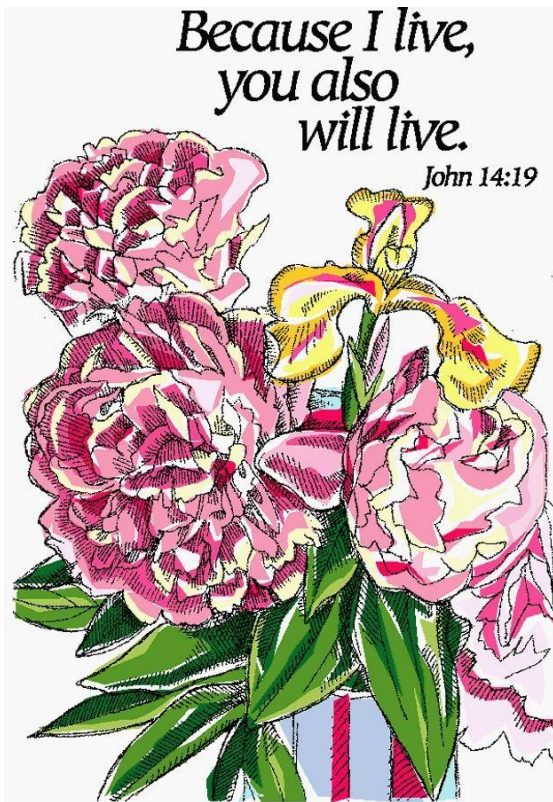


Welcome to Faith Lutheran

May 21, 2017

*Because I live,
you also
will live.*

John 14:19



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



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



Faith Lutheran Church's Welcoming Statement:

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, "for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." (Galatians 3:26) We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability - you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide.

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Life with the Spirit

What do we do when we feel abandoned by people we believed would always be there for us? When relationships end or coworkers betray us? When friends move or someone close to us dies? The impact of those losses can change our whole world. It can make us question our self-worth and make us wonder if we are really of any value. When this happens it's easy to ask if what we do actually matters.

As Jesus prepares his disciples for what life will be like for them after he dies, he tells them to keep his commandments and assures them that they will not be left orphaned. It's an important message for them to hear. They are about to experience the trauma of witnessing Jesus' betrayal and death, the fear of being wanted men hiding from the authorities, and the grief of feeling like they have lost their purpose in life. Their world is about to be thrown into chaos because the person who had led them, taught them, and taken care of them would now be gone.

Jesus' words are a promise that God's love is too great to leave them abandoned. "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever" (John 14:15-16). His words are also a promise that what they continue to do matters. Keeping his commandments isn't necessary for God to love them, but doing so will act as a reminder of their love for Jesus and will open them up to experiencing the Advocate in their lives. Jesus' command to love God and our neighbor isn't a fee we have to pay for the Spirit to spend time with us. It is our response to the powerful good news that the Spirit is with us forever.

Sunday, May 21, 2017
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Introduction to the day

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

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

Faith Bells

“Fleur-De-Lis”

(Gillis)

The pre-service music signals the beginning of the worship service. Silence during the pre-service music enables worshippers to prepare for worship through quiet meditation.

GATHERING

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW #408

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

A reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God’s eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good

conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my

commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815

CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed.
To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*The presiding minister concludes the
prayers, and the assembly responds:*

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place,
we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Chancel Choir

“I Am For You”

(Cooney)

Tammy Heilman, soloist

OFFERING RESPONSE

We Are an Offering

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. It consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. we are an offering." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and sixth lines of music.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an

of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,

all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

we are an of-fer-ing. we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.

Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.

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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of
the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,". The second staff continues with "heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -". The third staff continues with "san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who". The fourth staff concludes with "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, along with rests and ties.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

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

Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

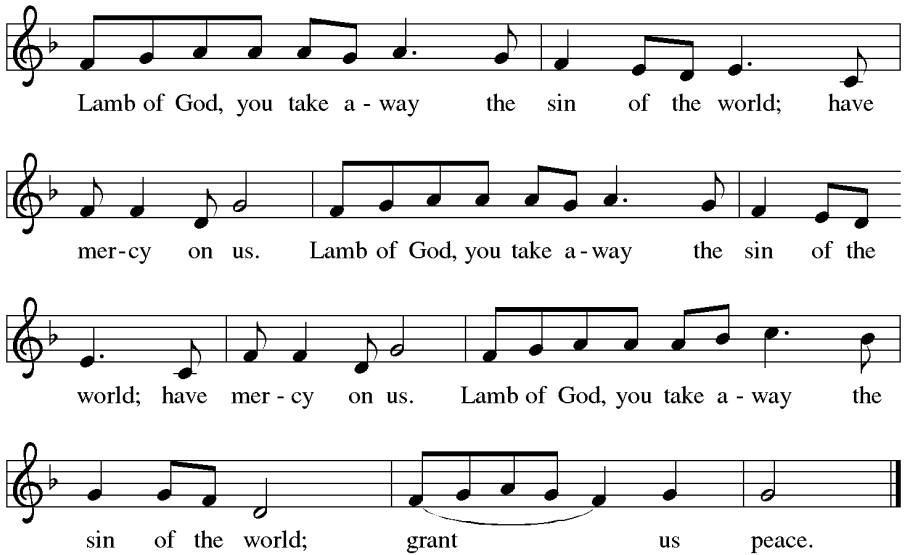
The assembly is seated

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW #595

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Shout to the Lord

ELW #821

The assembly stands

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW #537

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Shout to the Lord"

arr. Jerry Ray

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A Warm Welcome

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May 14, 2017 Attendance: 89

Serving Faith	May 21	May 28
Acolyte	Owen Kadrofske	Zach Hereza
Altar Care	Gretchen Bills & Becky Bills	
Communion Assistants	Owen Kadrofske	Zach Hereza
	Kim O'Brien	Bob Nelson
	Dane Webb	Diane Wilke
Greeters	Mike Eschelbach	Brian & Michelle Ransom
Lay Assistants	Kim O'Brien	Bob Nelson
Readers	Dane Webb	Diane Wilke
Ushers	Tom & Nina Schrote	Walter & Brenda Kopf
Nursery	Heidi Bowers	Lori Webb



Many openings remain for altar flower dedications this year. If you would like to sign up please write your name on the flower chart across from the coat rack.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Family & Friends

May 21, 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

June/July Faith Family News newsletter—
Please submit by Monday May 22

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, Ken Whitmyer, August Colandrea and family.
- † Friends and family—
Harriet, Pat Belonga, Todd Barricklow, Greg Beckwith, Carol Coyer, Kay Coker, Chris Cotter, Terrie Becker, Allyson, Heather, Al, Lilly, Sai, Jeanne Hicks, Eshwar Lingamgunta, Jenn Leitch, Brian Johnson, Jeanne and Leonard, Tom Brown, Susan Heft, Pat Hillberg & Family, Dennis Cobler, John Joseph Lanzetta, Loretta Milne, 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 Elizabeth Lippke and the congregation of Settlement Lutheran Church of Gowen, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offering	05/14/17	Year-to-date as of 04/30/2017	
Loose Cash	\$ 52.75	Income	\$85,262.61
Loose Checks	\$ 30.00	Expenses	<u>\$98,750.61</u>
Flowers	\$ 50.00	Net Income	-13,488.00
World Hunger	\$ 100.00		
General Fund	\$ 2715.00		
Total	<u>\$ 2947.75</u>		

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Ken & Karen Whitmyer in celebration of Brielle Bower's birthday.

THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

May Tanzania Water Offering

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Pancake Breakfast: Preschool – 3rd Grade
- 9:00 a.m. 4th grade and up to Panera
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. Reception to thank Melinda Schultz
- 11:30 a.m. Evangelism Meeting in Pastor's office
- 11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry in Library
- 6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

Monday, May 22th

June/July Newsletter Information DUE!
Pastor Ellen at Synod Assembly

- 2:00 p.m. Women's Study
- 7:00 p.m. Green Team

Tuesday, May 23rd

- Worship folder announcements deadline
Pastor Ellen at Synod Assembly
No Noon Study
- 6:30 p.m. Shalom Church Bible Study at Old Chicago

Wednesday, May 24th

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION
- 5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 25th
11:00 a.m. Worship at Dobie Road

Friday, May 26th
Saturday, May 27th
Sunday, May 28th

Monday, May 29
Church Office Closed

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



Synod Assembly begins today. Today we will take a special offering to give to the Synod. There is an offering plate at the entrance to the sanctuary where you can place your synod offerings.

Diversity Sunday - June 18

Save the date and join us on June 18 as we celebrate Diversity Sunday. On this day we will receive official recognition as an RIC (Reconciling in Christ)

congregation. We will celebrate this

recognition and the diversity that we are. We will have a special worship service focusing on being welcoming and incorporating diversity. Come to worship wearing something that celebrates who you are! Could be something related to your job, your hobbies, your cultural or ethnic heritage, etc. More details will be coming soon!



Friday, June 16, 2017 is Faith Family Fun night at the Lugnuts game!

Seniors eat FREE on June 16th, and after the game stay and enjoy a beautiful fireworks display!



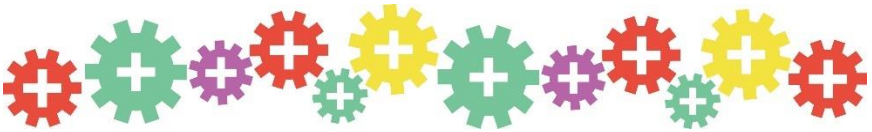
Sign up on the Membership Development board in the narthex. Deadline is Today, May 21st Please see Michelle Ransom or call the church office with any questions.



Vacation Bible School will be held on June 19th – 23rd from 9:00-12:00. Ages 3yrs - 5th grade completed. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated. You can sign up by filling out the registration form on the VBS table in the narthex or by visiting <https://vbspro.events/p/692364>

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the various stations and with the groups. Please sign up through the link above or by emailing Melinda Schultz at mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who took home donation circles already!! The **VBS Donation Robot** has more circles left. Please take a circle (or a couple) home with you today! Your donations are greatly appreciated as we prepare for VBS!



◆◆ **DATE CHANGE** ◆◆
VBS PICNIC

Sunday, June 25th 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
ALL ARE INVITED to the VBS Picnic!!
More information to come!

WAYS TO HELP

What are those Laundry Baskets for?? ARROW TREE FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for being so generous over the past few months! Arrow Tree apartments are very thankful for your donations. Residents there are very appreciative. Suggested items needed: SOUP, MAC & CHEESE, CEREAL, OATMEAL, PASTAS, PEANUT BUTTER, HEALTHY SNACK BARS, TUNA, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ETC.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & STUDIES

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT Group Meeting

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

Thursday, June 8th: Jason Gauna with The Care Team will present a Virtual Dementia Tour. This "tour" walks you through the different senses that we experience everyday but in the shoes of a person with Alzheimer's.



On Thursday evening, June 15, from 6:00- 9:00 PM, Action of Greater Lansing will be hosting a viewing of the documentary 13th at Faith. They will be hosting a discussion following the video.

Everyone is invited to attend this event.



2017 COLLEGE GRADUATES

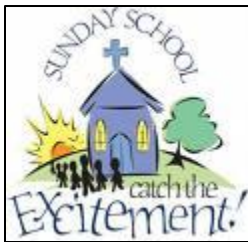
I need information for the June/July newsletter for all of the 2017 **COLLEGE** graduates. Please email me or Katie as soon as possible, so that your graduate can be recognized for their achievements.

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Vacation Bible School will be held on June 19th – 23rd from 9:00-12:15 . VBS Sunday will be on June 25th. We are looking for volunteers to help out with the various stations and with the groups. This year's theme is "**Maker Fun Factory**"! The following dates are for making decorations: Saturday, June 3rd from 1:00-3:00. Please let Melinda or Katie know if you are able to assist with these events in any way.



*****NEEDED - Sunday School Teachers**

for 2016-2017 – Thank you to all of the volunteers who have stepped forward to donate their time. We truly appreciate your support. There are still several positions available, so please consider helping. The curriculum is VERY easy and the children

are great. If we have multiple teachers per grade, it allows for some flexibility on how often you have to teach. We also need a substitute list.

Pre-School – Kim O'Brien, Brenda Kopf, Laurie Hereza

1-3 Grades – Lori Webb, need 2 more

4-6 Grades (Trinity) – Ransom, need 3 (offered both Sunday and Wednesday night, where a meal is included).

7-8 Grades (Confirmation) – Ellen Schoepf, Brendan Guenther, Melinda Schultz (offered both Sunday and Wednesday night, where a meal is included).

Youth (9-12 Grades) – Katie Love

Forum Planning Committee News - As we continue to address the issues of racial inequality in our community and culture, our **Faith Lutheran Forum Planning Committee** is partnering with **One Love Global** and other groups in our area to begin showing the documentary series ***America Divided***. This eight session series addresses issues of inequality in our present culture. We will be showing one video each month. Each showing will be followed by a discussion. **This eight session series will take place on the second Monday evening of each month at 7:00 PM. The first video will be presented at Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos on Monday evening, June 12.**

Shonda Rhimes, Common, and Norman Lear executive-produce this series, which was created by Solly Granatstein, Lucian Read, and Richard Rowley. Each episode will focus on celebrities exploring inequality in the context of their own lives. America Ferrera, Jesse Williams, Zach Galifianakis, Amy Poehler, and Peter Sarsgaard are all set to appear.

“This series cuts to the heart of the inequality crisis, exploring life-and-death struggles around the economic, social, and political divide,” the show’s creators said in a statement. “Our aim is to expose the damage extreme inequality inflicts on all Americans, reveal its systemic causes, and celebrate real-world heroes fighting for solutions.”

Both Common and Lear will also headline segments, with Common returning to his home of Chicago to examine the criminal justice system and Lear looking at New York’s housing crisis.

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In a divided America, #StoriesUniteUs, the following stories will be presented:

Episode 101 – A House Divided – Housing Discrimination (45 min)

Episode 102 – The Class Divided – Separate and Unequal Education (40 min)

Episode 103 – The Epidemic – Substance Abuse (34 min)

Episode 104 – Democracy for Sale – Corporate Influence In Government and Electoral Politics (42 min)

Episode 105 – The System – Disproportionality in Criminal Justice (43 min)

Episode 106 – Out of Reach – Immigration and Denial of Citizenship (42 min)

Episode 107 – Something in the Water – Flint Water Crisis (42 min)

Episode 108 – Home Economics – Domestic Workers (33 min)

These videos can be shown in any order. The first to be screened will be *Democracy for Sale*. Please join us at 7:00 PM on Monday evening, June 12, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4515 Dobie Rd. in Okemos as this important educational series begins.



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