

Welcome to Faith Lutheran

June 4, 2017



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

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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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GOSPEL MESSAGE

June 4, 2017

DAY OF PENTECOST

Spirit-Filled Entrance

Pentecost, from the Greek *pentekostos*, meaning fifty, is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Jews call this day Shavuot, a significant festival commemorating when God gave them the Torah. *Shavuot* means “weeks” and is observed seven weeks after Passover, a festival central to the Jewish faith. The giving of the Torah was akin to a wedding ceremony between God and God’s chosen people. *Shavuot* also means “oaths.” Jews remember that it was on this day that God made a vow of everlasting love to them and they vowed to be God’s people.

But there was more to it than that. Shavuot also marked the anniversary of the death of King David, the quintessential king, whom many had believed was a savior to the people. King David was considered the epitome of what a messiah should be: a conquering hero, a king, and a ruler of a great and mighty kingdom. Many people had hoped Jesus would be a new King David, except Jesus had been crucified as a criminal.

In today’s reading from Acts, the Holy Spirit appears on Pentecost in “a sound like the rush of a violent wind” and in fire, and gives those gathered a strange ability to speak and understand other languages (Acts 2:2-11). The Holy Spirit knows how to make an entrance! However, in John’s gospel the Spirit makes a different kind of entrance. Jesus appears to the disciples while they are afraid and offers them peace (John 20:19). He breathes on them and the Spirit is provided to them along with the ability to forgive and retain the sins of others (John 20:22-23).

Both are accurate descriptions of God the Spirit: a mighty, all-encompassing force that leads to understanding and a breath of peace that offers forgiveness. The coming of the Spirit is also a fulfillment of God’s promise of everlasting love and devotion to us—God’s vow that we will not be abandoned.

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Day of Pentecost

Music Sunday

Introduction to the day

Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness 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

“Glad Adoration”

(McChesney)

Faith Bells

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.

GATHERING

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

GATHERING SONG

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW #835

Vs. 1-4 and 6

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.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



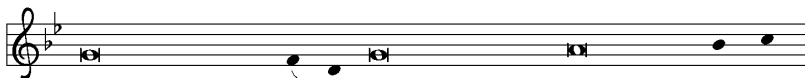
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



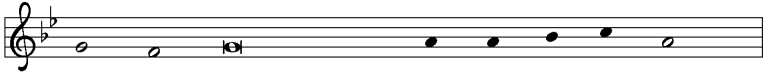
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



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. 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.



2 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.

Final refrain



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



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“I Was Glad”

(Hallquist)

Chancel Choir

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts, because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts

of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“You are the Rock of My Salvation” (Muller) Joyful Noise

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

assembly stands

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW #396

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.**

The assembly is seated

“Shout Amen”

(Althouse)

Joyful Noise

The assembly stands

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 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

"How Beautiful" (Paris, arr. Courtney) Chancel Choir
Emily Brown, soloist

OFFERING RESPONSE

We Are an Offering

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The music features a 7/8 time signature and includes triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: "We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, 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 voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. we are an of-fer-ing."

We lift our voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, 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 voice-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing. we are an of-fer-ing.

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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

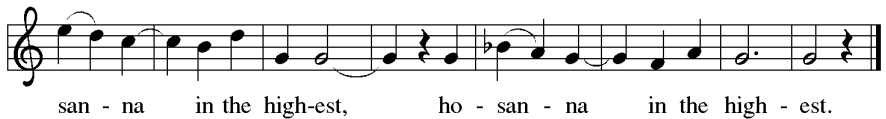
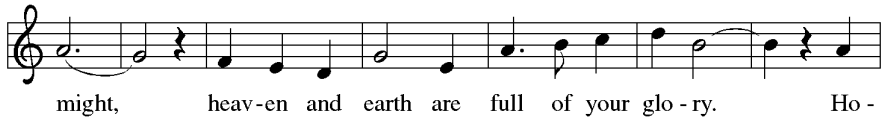
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of
the resurrection,

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



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

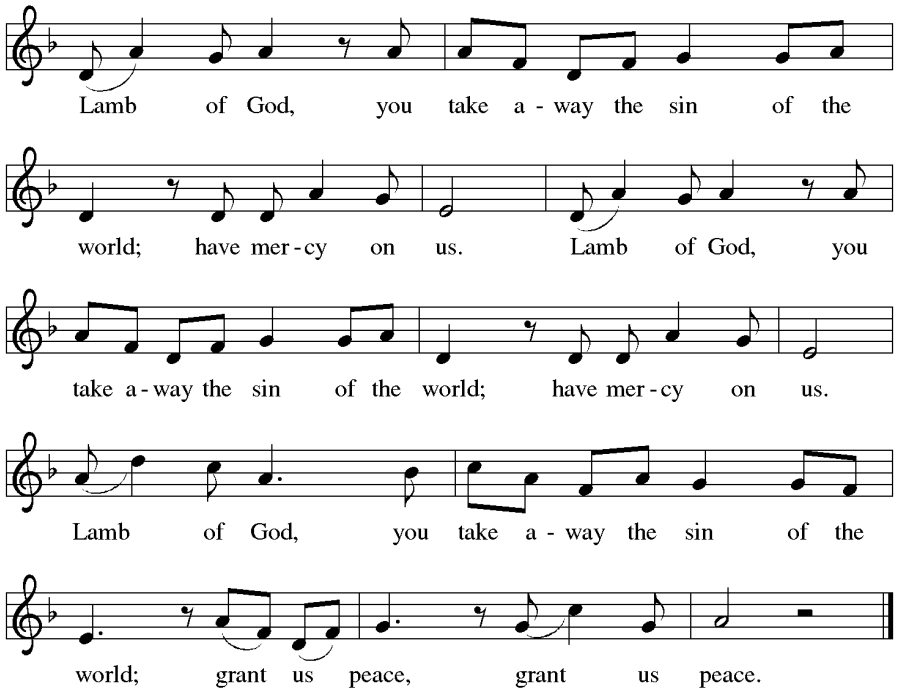
Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

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, grant us peace.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

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CONGREGATIONAL SONG

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW #400

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

Amen

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.

The assembly is seated

“Joy in the Morning Shall Be Mine” (Wagner)

Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise, Faith Bells

SENDING

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

The assembly stands

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

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ELW #851

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

“When in Our Music God is Glorified”

arr. Robert Hobby

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Welcome to worship this day of Pentecost! We celebrate the birth of the church and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit as we worship today!

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Secretary	Katie Love	klove@faithlutheranokemos.org
Director of Christian Education		Katie Love
Director of Music		Debra Borton-McDonough
Organist/Pianist		Bruce Williams

May 28, 2017 Attendance: 78

Serving Faith	June 4	June 11
Acolyte	Adelle Dingledine	
Altar Care	Ledith Ambs & Jennifer Coe	
Communion Assistants	Adelle Dingledine	Bob Nelson
	Mike Eschelbach	Natalie Dingledine
	David Baker	Bill & Pam Williams
Greeters	Brendan Guenther	Bob Nelson
Lay Assistants	Mike Eschelbach	Natalie Dingledine
Readers	David Baker	Jeremy & Jennifer Coe
Ushers	Jeremy & Jennifer Coe	Jeremy & Jennifer Coe
Nursery	Jennifer & Maia Guenther	Alexis Hereza

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Family & Friends

June 4, 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

August Faith Family News newsletter—
Please submit by Monday July 17

Submit to Katie at klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- † Members—Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow, Ellen Milne, and Harry Nawrock
- † 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.
- † Samaritan 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 Jay Schrimpf and the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Weekly Offering	05/28/17	Year-to-date as of 04/30/2017	
Loose Cash	\$ 244.00	Income	\$85,262.61
Loose Checks	\$ 25.00	Expenses	<u>\$98,750.61</u>
Flowers	\$ 50.00	Net Income	-13,488.00
Sunday School	\$ 17.05		
Capital Repairs	\$ 50.00		
World Hunger	\$ 68.00		
General Fund	<u>\$ 1895.00</u>		
Subtotal	<u>\$ 2349.05</u>		
 Total	 <u>\$ 2349.05</u>		

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God

Vase 1: by Bob & Phyllis Shorman in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary. Thanks to the Lord for a wonderful life together.

Vase 2: in memory of Magdalene Thiem, Kathy Richardson's mother.

THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m. Worship Service: Music Sunday
11:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting in the Library
11:30 a.m. Tech Committee Meeting in Pastor's office

Monday, June 5th

7:00 p.m. VBS Teachers Meeting

Tuesday, June 6th

 Worship folder announcements deadline
Noon Study in Pastor Ellen's office
6:30 p.m. Shalom Church Bible Study at Old Chicago

Wednesday, June 7th

7:30 a.m. Men's Study
9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

Thursday, June 8th

11:30 a.m. Caregivers Support Group

Friday, June 9th

Saturday, June 10th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

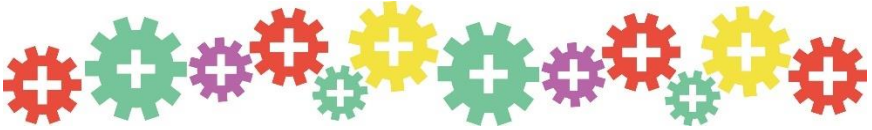


Tent Help Needed!!!!!!

Sunday, June 11th from 1:00-3:00ish –

Please come join us as we set-up our new tent for the first time and mark the poles for future use, in order to make installation of the tent much easier. We need all hands on

deck for this to go smoothly, so please let Melinda know if you are able to help at mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net.



Can you help? We need someone to help organize the VBS Picnic on Sunday, June 25th. Help get the food out and hotdogs grilled. If you can help please contact Katie at

klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

Thanks in advance!

WAYS YOU CAN 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.**



Diversity Sunday is Coming on June 18



You are invited to join us for a special worship service on June 18, which we are calling Diversity Sunday. We will be celebrating our newly adopted welcoming statement and designation as an RIC congregation. We will celebrate the wonderful diversity that makes up our community - age, gender, sexual orientation, careers, race, ethnicity, cultural background, hobbies, etc. Join us and invite your friends and family to celebrate with us. Here are some planned highlights for Diversity Sunday.

- We encourage everyone to wear something that makes you unique. Are you a nurse or doctor? Maybe wear your scrubs. Do you like fishing as a hobby? Wear some fishing gear. You can wear something that celebrates your cultural or ethnic heritage, maybe just your favorite color, anything that lets you tell a story about who you are. Feel free to be bold!
- Our worship service will focus on our welcoming statement and becoming RIC with specially selected hymns, prayers, and messages.
- We will commit to our welcoming statement during the service and receive official recognition as an RIC congregation with representatives from Reconciling Works and Open Hearts. Open Church. (The North/West Lower Michigan Synod Task Force on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity)
- We will unveil our new Diversity Center - a central location for resources on a variety of diversity topics.
- Special coffee hour after the service with cake and other refreshments.

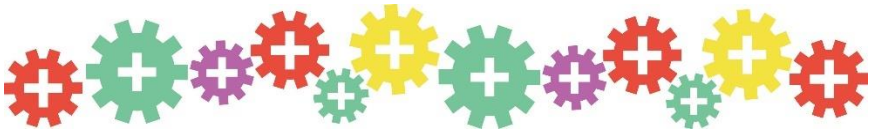
We hope you will make plans to join and celebrate with us on June 18. Spread the word that Faith is welcoming and affirming and we are going to celebrate! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ellen or Rich Weingartner.



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 Katie Love at kllove@faithlutheranokemos.org

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!

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.



A Florida Sampler: Birds, Animals, Flowers and More

***Wednesday, June 28,
2017, 11:30 a.m.***

(Note that this is the 4th Wednesday, one week later than usual because of Vacation Bible School)

A program featuring Tom Rasmussen and his beautiful nature photography is a perennial favorite! You haven’t seen Florida until you’ve seen it through Tom’s lens. Join us for a potluck lunch and the most recent photos and stories from Tom’s gallery.

Invite a friend!

Please sign up on the clipboard on the Faith @ Work display board in the narthex.

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Looking ahead:

We plan our usual informal lunch gatherings at Coral Gables for July 19 and August 16. Pencil in the dates on your summer calendar!



2017 COLLEGE GRADUATES

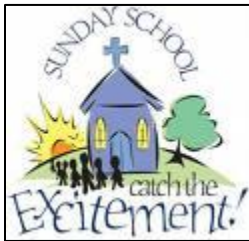
I need information for the June/July newsletter for all of the 2017 **COLLEGE** graduates. Please email me or Katie as soon as possible, so that your graduate can be recognized for their achievements.

mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net or

klove@faithlutheranokemos.org



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

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.



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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