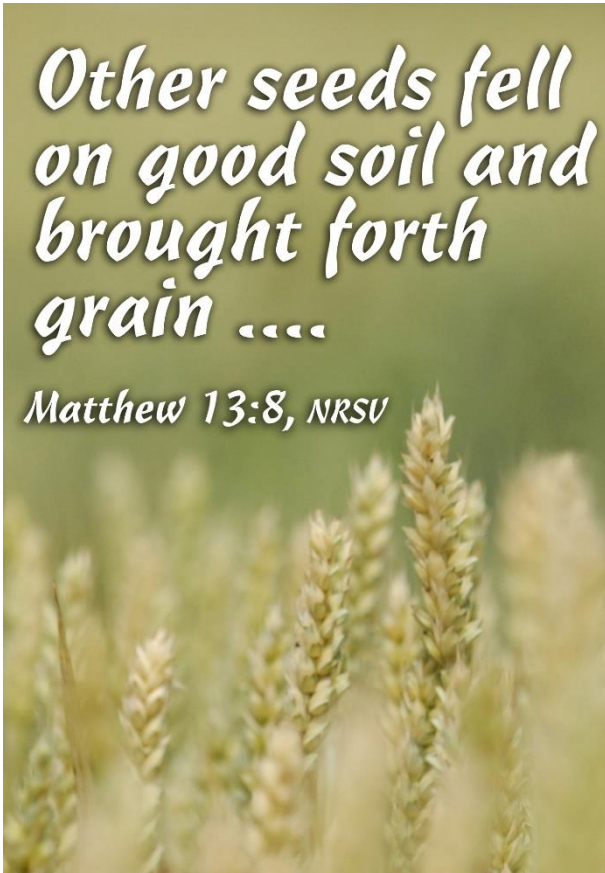


Welcome to Faith Lutheran

July 23, 2017

*Other seeds fell
on good soil and
brought forth
grain*

Matthew 13:8, NRSV



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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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Seeds of Mercy and Grace

In 2015, *Time* magazine named German Chancellor Angela Merkel “Person of the Year.” At the time she was known worldwide for her resolve to allow tens and hundreds of thousands of refugees into the country. Just as some praised her as a leader with compassion, others, fearing there could be terrorists among the refugees, believed she was foolishly endangering her people. Nonetheless, the world leader, daughter of a Lutheran pastor, remained resolute, trusting that even if there were evil ones among those who came into the country, she would not deny the possibility of a new life to the refugees.

Years ago a small group of gardeners in northern Wisconsin scattered seeds from lupine pods along state roadsides, leaving them to propagate wherever they fell and however they would grow. Now, decades later, every year in early summer an orchestra of purple and pink, blue, yellow, and white lupine performs visual symphonies for miles and miles along the highways in spite of all the competing seeds that have, over the years, fallen onto that same ground. Whatever weeds and thistles, brush and vines were rooted, they did not diminish or destroy or even restrain the splendor that bloomed from the seeds those gardeners had planted.

When the disciples, so puzzled by the parable, asked Jesus why the sower would allow weeds to remain among what the sower had planted, he repeated his familiar, hopeful message of grace.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu understood Jesus’ message when, even in the dark days of South African apartheid, he wrote, “Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death” (from *An African Prayer Book* [New York: Random House, 1995]).

The disciples’ question brings us to the deep root of grace. Let the kingdom of heaven grow in the world. The seeds of mercy, grace, compassion, and forgiveness will prevail.

Sunday, July 23, 2017

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Introduction to the day

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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

"Word of God, come down on earth" arr. Paul Manz

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.
Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW #597

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



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with
firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in
your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

God claims the right to sole rule, because God announces things that actually do happen, while supposed divine opponents remain silent. God is Israel's redeemer, that is, the best brother or sister they ever had.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

A reading from Romans.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the

body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

The Word of God Is Source and Seed

ELW #506

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

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

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

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

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

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through 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

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"
Diane Hill, solo

(arr. Hayes)

OFFERING RESPONSE

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand

and satisfy the need of every living thing.

You have set this feast before us.

Open our hands to receive it.

Open our hearts to embrace it.

Open our lives to live it.

We pray this through 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples

of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life. Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together.

COMMUNION

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

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

ELW #516

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479

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.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.

Amen

SENDING

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

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Word of God, Come Down to Earth

ELW #510

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"March in F major, Op. 46, No.5"

Alexandre Guilmant

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In the words of Jacob: “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God!” (Genesis 28:17).
 Welcome to worship.

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| Director of Christian Education | | Katie Love |
| Director of Music | | Debra Borton-McDonough |
| Organist/Pianist | | Bruce Williams |

July 16, 2017 Attendance: 82

| Serving Faith | July 23 | July 30 |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Acolyte | | |
| Altar Care | | Gretchen Bills |
| Communion Assistants | Brenna Seeley Ken Schoepf Karen Whitmyer | Harold Sollenberger Dane Webb |
| Greeters | | |
| Lay Assistants | Ken Schoepf | Harold Sollenberger |
| Readers | Karen Whitmyer | Dane Webb |
| Ushers | Schultz Family | Heilman's |
| Nursery | Lauren Schultz | Heidi Bowers |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Family & Friends

July 23, 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

September Faith Family News newsletter—
Please submit by Monday August 21
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, Erin, Al, Sai, Jeanne Hicks, Eshwar Lingamgunta, Robert Bordt, Jenn Leitch, Brian Johnson, Jeanne and Leonard, Susan Heft, John Joseph Lanzetta, Loretta Milne, Bethany Robison, Jean Smith, Scott Seeley, “Little Zee” (3 yr. old daughter of a friend of Brenda Kopf's) 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 Leslie Nye and the congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Herron, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

| Weekly Offering | 07/16/17 | Year-to-date as of 06/30/2017 | |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loose Cash | \$ 48.00 | Income | \$125,282.19 |
| Loose Checks | \$ 630.00 | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>\$149,363.44</u> |
| Tanzania Water Project | \$ 805.50 | Net Income | -24,081.25 |
| Flowers | \$ 25.00 | | |
| Samaritas Cards | \$ 35.00 | | |
| World Hunger | \$ 30.00 | | |
| Facility Rental | \$ 50.00 | | |
| General Fund | <u>\$2205.00</u> | | |
| Total | \$3828.50 | | |

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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

Ann Mayer in celebration of Rob and Allison Mayer's 4th wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Today

- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Evangelism and Outreach
- 4:00 p.m. Service at Burcham Hills

Monday, July 24th

- 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Safe Place Singing Camp Sanctuary Rental
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Study
- 7:00 p.m. Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 25th

- 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Safe Place Singing Camp Sanctuary Rental
- Noon: Study in Pastor's office: All are Welcome!

Wednesday, July 26th

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study
- 9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION
- 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Safe Place Singing Camp Sanctuary Rental
- 7:00 p.m. Safe Place Recital

Thursday, July 27th

- 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Safe Place Singing Camp Sanctuary Rental
- 7:00 p.m. ELCA Social Statement Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Choir Rehearsal

Friday, July 28th

Saturday, July 29th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Women's Choir

All Women are invited to join us for Women's Choir Sunday on July 30... we will rehearse on Thursday eve, July 27 at 7:00, then head out for fellowship and drinks



QUARTERLY
Meeting

Please plan to join us for the next quarterly meeting on Sunday, July 30th immediately following worship service.

Green Team News

Given summer travel schedules and vacations we've decided to cancel our Green Team meeting for July.

Thanks to all who helped with the planting of our pollinator garden. It turned out great! We hope you will be able to attend church service the first weekend in August, as Pastor plans to dedicate the garden on that day.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Beer & Hymns

Beer & Hymns

We are starting a new venture beginning on Sunday, August 6, at 5:30 PM. We will be hosting an evening of food, beverage and hymn singing upstairs at *Williamston Pub & Grill*. This event will take place on the 1st Sunday evening of every month. Come and join us for fun, fellowship and singing! You purchase your own meal and beverage and we supply the music and lead everyone in song! And, feel free to invite friends!

****Handouts to invite your friends and neighbors are available in the narthex****



Community Picnic

Sunday, August 28th 4-7 p.m.

**More information further in the
bulletin.**

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, PASTA, PEANUT BUTTER, HEALTHY SNACK BARS, TUNA, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ETC. Personal need items are also helpful. Toilet paper, toothbrushes/paste, feminine products etc..



NOTECARDS BY SAMARITAS

As we continue to support the work of Samaritas, we are selling notecards. The covers of these notecards display artwork done by refugees who have come to the United States through the work of Samaritas. Notecards are available for \$5.00 per bundle of 6. If you are interested in purchasing a bundle of notecards, please place your \$5 in the box next to the display in the Narthex. If you write a check, please make the check out to **Samaritas**



Wednesday Night Live!

Starting on Wednesday, September 13, Faith Lutheran Church is the place to be!

We will be offering a meal for anyone in the congregation who wishes to come to church to eat (meals much like the Lenten suppers). The meal will be served from 5:45 – 7:00. We will be offering activities for all ages! Wednesday will be family night at Faith! The evening schedule will include:

- 5:30 – 6:00 Joyful Noise choir rehearsal
- 5:45 – 7:00 Meal served
- 6:30 – 7:30 Trinity, Confirmation, and *activities for younger children!*
- 6:30 – 7:30 Bell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 – 8:00 Book study for adults (*Harold Sollenberger will be leading the 1st study based on the book **Falling Upward** by Richard Rohr: Sign up in the narthex*)
- 6:30 – 8:00 Movies of interest for adults and older youth
- 7:30 – 8:00 Additional activities for kids
- 7:30 – 9:00 Chancel Choir

Our **Wednesday Night Meals** will be provided by different committees and groups within the congregation. A freewill offering will be taken at each meal. This money can then be used by the committee to further enhance their ministry work within the life of the congregation.

Please sign up your group or committee in the narthex.





**CALLING ALL MIDDLE
AND HIGH SCHOOLERS
TO "SERVE OUR CITY"**

Date: August 14th-16th

Time: Meet at Faith at 12:30 p.m. and we will go out to serve from there. We will return by 5:30 p.m. If you are able to help drive and help with "Serve Our City" please contact Katie.

**All middle and high school students are invited!
Please R.S.V.P. so we can secure enough drivers!**

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508094CAAA623A3F49-serve

FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE

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 next video will be presented at Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos on Monday evening, August 14th.**

60 +/- Looking ahead:

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



Upcoming Caregiving Meeting

August 10th Meeting- Ingham County Medical Care Facility and Rehabilitation (Dobie Road)- Driving Resources/Assessment and Wellness Opportunities.

September 14th – An afternoon of sharing and caring

October 12th- An afternoon of sharing and caring

"Get Acquainted with Our Mission Partners"

Honduran Lutheran Church visitors

Tuesday evening, August 15, 6:00 PM

Four visitors from the Honduran Lutheran Church will visit our Synod in August. We will share information about our churches and faith experiences. The Honduran visitors will share with us what it means to be Lutheran in Honduras and talk about their many successes and challenges. Join us for a 6:00 PM potluck and time of fellowship as we learn from our mission partners in Honduras.



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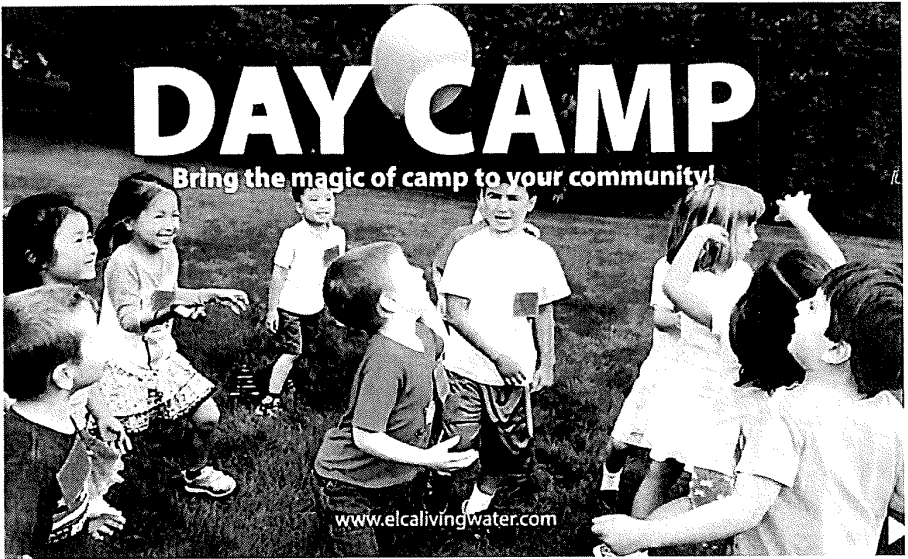
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

4:00 – 7:00 PM

**Enjoy Free Food & Live Music on
the front lawn of the church**

Games and Activities for Kids

Walk for Water Simulation Experience



August 7-11, 2017

Enjoy the love of Christ in your community! Join us at Bethlehem, August 7-11, Monday through Friday, 1:30-6:30 pm for our Summer Day Camp, a week of excitement leading up to our Faith, Family, Fun Day on Saturday, August 12.

We will rotate through various activities: Bible Study, Arts and crafts, recreation, music and worship, nature activities and more, all with a lot of singing, dancing and games. Each day will include a nutritious dinner.

Ages are 5-12. The cost is **FREE** for non-members, guests and friends. Member registration is \$15 per youth or \$25 per family. Scholarships are available, and donations are always welcome!

Complete and return the registration form by as soon as possible and call the church at 482.3225 with any questions.

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