

# Welcome to Faith Lutheran

August 6, 2017



*God  
Provides*

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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

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## 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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### Websites

Faith Lutheran Church ≈ [www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org)  
North/West Lower Michigan Synod ≈ [www.mittensynod.org](http://www.mittensynod.org)  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ≈ [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

### Facebook

[facebook.com/faithlutheranokemos](https://facebook.com/faithlutheranokemos)

You also can find the audio available on Faith’s website under worship  
Sermons

Special music <http://faithlutheranokemos.org/sermons/>  
<http://faithlutheranokemos.org/category/special-music/>

## The Simplicity of Miracles

When we think of a miracle, often what comes to mind is an amazing, unexplainable occurrence. Today the word *miracle* typically gets associated with events such as someone walking away from a terrible car accident without a scratch, or a cancerous-looking tumor turning out to be benign. But miracles don't have to be amazing and unexplainable in order to be, well, miraculous.

The feeding of the thousands is one of the most well-known miracles of Jesus, and it must be important, because a version of this account appears in all four gospels. But the miracle in the story is not the amazing act of Jesus creating food for thousands of people. Notice that Jesus doesn't actually feed anyone, but tells the disciples, "You give them something to eat" (Matt. 14:16). After Jesus blesses their meager collection of bread and fish, it is the disciples, not Jesus, who give the food to the hungry people. And the miracle doesn't stop there. What is distributed is a feast bountiful enough to satisfy "about five thousand men, besides women and children" (Matt. 14:21)—with leftovers!

Perhaps the real miracle here is not a large, unexplainable act, but a small, simple one, carried out by many people. Where have you seen God at work in the simple sharing of food? When have you experienced abundance in a situation that seemed to promise only disappointment? Where have you seen or participated in an activity, an event, or a movement that appeared to lack resources or broad support but that resulted in real progress or change? There are miracles all around us. And whether we are distributing, sharing, or receiving the bread Jesus gives, we are blessed.

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**  
9th Sunday after Pentecost

**Introduction to the day**

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

*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**

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

arr. David Cherwien

*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.*

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## GATHERING

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

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
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.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

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

*The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing*

***ELW #531***

## 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.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

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## WORD

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

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5**

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5**

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.*

A reading from Romans

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14:13-21**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

**ELW #479**

### 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

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for  
the church, the world, and all in need.

*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:*

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken,  
trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus. **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.*

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## MEAL

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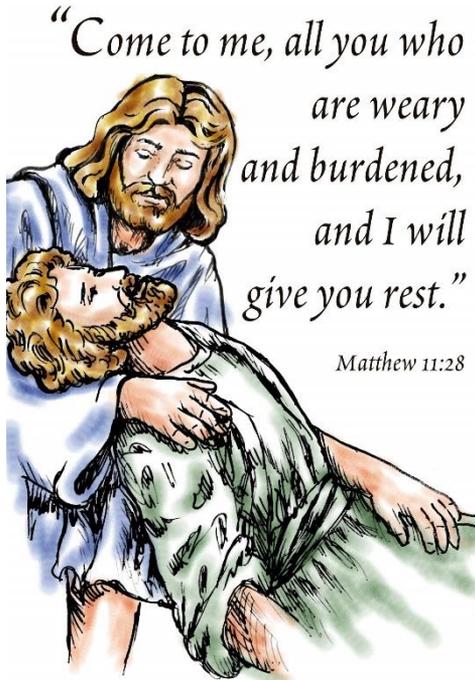
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

"Softly and Tenderly"

(Thompson)

Tammy Heilman, soloist



# 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*

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Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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## OFFERING PRAYER

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "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." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata.

## 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.  
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

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

***ELW #484***

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

*O Living Bread from Heaven*

***ELW #542***

*The assembly stands*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

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## SENDING

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*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

*To Be Your Presence*

*ELW #546*

### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

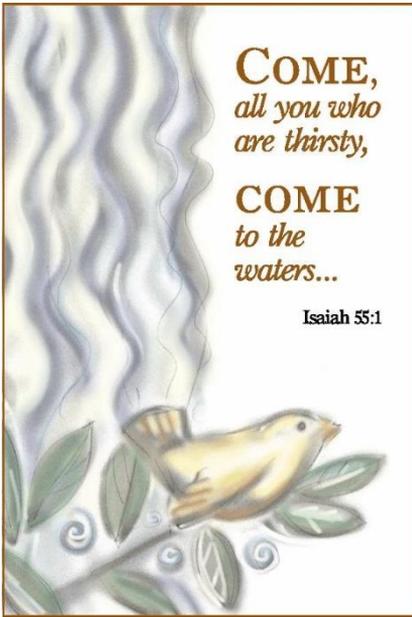
### POSTLUDE

“Toccata in G Major”

arr. William Walond

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“Everyone who thirsts,  
 come to the waters!”  
 declares the Lord through  
 Isaiah (55:1). God invites all  
 to the living waters of  
 salvation in Jesus Christ!  
 Welcome!

Pastor Ellen Schoepf  
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July 23, 2017 Attendance: 81

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Serving Faith	August 6	August 13
Acolyte	Brenna Seeley	
Altar Care		Gretchen Bills
Communion Assistants	Ken Schoepf	Zachary Hereza
	Elaine Harrison	Warren Heilman
Greeters	Bill & Pam Williams	Chris & Jean Lewis
Lay Assistants	Ken Schoepf	Zachary Hereza
Readers	Elaine Harrison	Warren Heilman
Ushers	Heilman's	Schultz Family
Nursery	Lori Webb	Alexis Hereza

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Faith Family & Friends

August 6, 2017

Log onto Faith's website [www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org) 24/7 for updates

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### DEADLINES

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Sunday worship folder announcements—Tuesday of each week  
Submit to Katie at [klove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:klove@faithlutheranokemos.org)

*September Faith Family News newsletter—*  
**Please submit by Monday August 21**  
Submit to Katie at [klove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:klove@faithlutheranokemos.org)

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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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, Meredith, Jeanne and Leonard, Susan Heft, John Joseph Lanzetta, Manitta family, Loretta Milne, Bethany Robison, Jean Smith, Scott Seeley, “Little Zee” (3 yr. old daughter of a friend of Brenda Kopf’s), Max Whitmyer 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.

**\*\*Kathy Lanzetta, John Joe Lanzetta’s mother, would like to thank everyone at Faith for their prayers. John is doing much better!\*\***

## 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 Jessica Rivera-Walker and the congregation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Holland, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>07/30/17</b>	Year-to-date as of 06/30/2017	
Loose Cash	\$ 38.13	Income	\$125,282.19
World Hunger	\$ 13.50	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$149,363.44</u>
General Fund	\$3440.00	Net Income	<b>-24,081.25</b>
Total	<b><u>\$3491.63</u></b>		

## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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

Vase 1: Harry Nawrock and the Richardson Family in memory of Rose Marie Nawrock.

Vase 2: Brenda, Katy, Becca, Austin and Ciara in celebration of Walter's birthday.

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## **THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

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Today

10:00 a.m.

Worship

Following Worship

Dedication of the Butterfly Garden

5:30 p.m.

**First meeting:** Beer and Hymns at Williamston Pub and Grill! See you there!

Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

Noon: Study in Pastor's office: All are Welcome!

Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilting and Samaritas ACTION

Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

11:30 a.m. Caregivers Support Group

7:00 p.m. ELCA Social Statement Meeting

Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

# Beer & Hymns

## **Beer & Hymns**

We are starting a new venture beginning **TONIGHT** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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\*\***

## 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.



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## 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**



<h3>WAYS YOU CAN HELP</h3>
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### Personal Care Kits for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

With all the natural and man-made disasters around the globe, there is an ongoing need for the "Personal Care Kits" provided by Lutheran World Relief. The Women of Faith Stewardship Group has set a goal of putting together 40 kits during August and September before the October shipping date.



Each Kit will contain these items

- 1 Bath Size Towel in dark color (medium weight is best)
- 1 Adult Toothbrush
- 1 Heavy Duty Comb
- 1 Pair of Nail Clippers
- 1 Pair of Shoelaces
- 2 Bath Size Bars of Ivory Soap

A display board and collection box will be in the Fellowship Area. Thank you for your help in this project. Contact Charlotte Rasmussen if you have any questions.

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

### CARING COMMITTEE NEWS

In one month children in our community will be go back to school. They will need to start their day with a healthy breakfast. You can help make sure that happens by joining the Caring Committee in the annual Back-to-School Breakfast Bag Food Drive. Individuals, families and committees are encouraged to shop for any or all of the following items:

- Oatmeal
- Cold Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Canned Fruit
- Muffin Mix
- Juice
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Breakfast Bars
- Instant Breakfast Drinks



Place your food donations in the grocery cart between now and September. With cash donations we will purchase milk, bread and eggs. There will also be a sign-up sheet hanging on the Committee Information board.

Thank you Faith Family for your care, concern and desire to help others in our community in HIS name.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



IMPACT

# LET'S SERVE TOGETHER!

EPHESIANS 6:7

MIDDLE & HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS

AUGUST 14-16  
12:30-5:30

JOIN US EVERYDAY OR A FEW  
R.S.V.P THROUGH THE SIGN UP LINK

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[HTTP://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/508094CAAA623A3F49-SERVE](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094CAAA623A3F49-SERVE)  
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 4515 DOBIE ROAD, OKEMOS MI 48864  
FAITHLUTHERANOKEMOS.ORG

**CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS TO  
“SERVE OUR CITY”**

**Date:** August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

**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!**

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# WALK FOR WATER



The Youth at Faith will be putting together and leading people through the “Walk for Water” simulation at the Community Picnic on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

All 9-12<sup>th</sup> graders who would like to help please email Katie at [klove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:klove@faithlutheranokemos.org) and plan to attend a “how to” meeting on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you can’t attend the meeting please let Katie know! This is going to be an exciting and fun way to raise money for the Tanzania Water Project and help participants learn of the struggles of those who must walk for their water.

# RALLY DAY



The “FALL KICK OFF” for Sunday School is Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Exciting activities and service projects are being planned and we can’t wait to kick off Sunday School with you!! All ages PK-High School are invited to come at 9:00 a.m. and be a part of the festivities. All Sunday School, Trinity & Confirmation teachers and parents are invited to attend to kick off the new year!

**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 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Following the screening, a panel discussion will be held featuring representatives from **Samaritas** and others who work involved in the work of immigration.

**Out of Reach**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14**  
**FREE SCREENING & DIALOGUE**  
 Faith Lutheran Church - 4515 Dobie Rd, Okemos  
 7-9pm  
**Register at EventBrite**  
 Questions: [angela@oneloveglobal.org](mailto:angela@oneloveglobal.org)

**AMERICA DIVIDED**

RadicalMedia  
 Justfilms  
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**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

**Action**



## **60 +/- Looking ahead:**

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



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## **Upcoming Caregiving Meeting**

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

September 14<sup>th</sup> – An afternoon of sharing and caring

October 12<sup>th</sup>- An afternoon of sharing and caring

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## **"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.



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# **RALLY DAY 2017**

SEPTEMBER 10 •

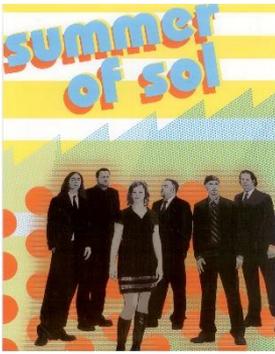
9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS  
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

11:30 A.M. LUNCH HOSTED BY COUNCIL  
AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
BBQ SANDWICHES PROVIDED PLEASE  
BRING A POTLUCK DISH TO PASS.  
CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

FOLLOWING LUNCH PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR  
GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS  
AT  
ARROW TREE APARTMENTS

**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US AS WE  
KICK OFF A GREAT NEW YEAR!**





# COMMUNITY PICNIC & CONCERT

FEATURING:

## SUMMER OF SOL

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**FAJITAS CATERED BY**

**WILLIAMSTON PUB & GRILL**

**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  
from 4-6 p.m.**