



## Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for September 23-October 6

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### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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Please lift up in prayer this week:

- † Members—Ellen Milne, Darrell Neves, Janice Taschner & Ken Whitmyer.
- † Friends and family—  
Harriet, Todd Barriklow, Bill Baker, Carol Coyer, Kay Coker, Chris Cotter, Terrie Becker, Brian Fent, Allyson, Heather, Erin, Al, Sai, Jeanne Hicks, Emily, Rod Kaschner, Eshwar Lingamgunta, Jenn Leitch, Brian Johnson, Meredith, Jeanne and Leonard, Johnathon Manitta family, Kiersten, Loretta Milne, Patricia Rinehart, Bethany Robison, Karen Smiley, Jean Smith, Scott & Lisa Seeley, the White family and Max Whitmyer.
- † Our mission partner congregation—Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church
- † Those in military service—Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks, Landon Belanger Melody and Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.
- † Samaritas children who seek adoption. Pray for each to be adopted and for Jesus to be their lifelong friends

### **NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD PRAYER PARTNER**

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September 23: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Christina Bright and the congregation of New Life Lutheran Church of Spruce, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

September 30: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Leslie Nye and the congregation of Spruce Lutheran Church of Spruce, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

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NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 9:00 a.m.      Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
                    No Book Club Meeting today
- 10:00 a.m.      Worship
- 11:30 a.m.      Middle School Youth Group (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) ends  
                    around 2:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.      9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Group at Love's House  
                    4548 Seneca Drive, Okemos. Ends at 8p.m.  
                    *Winter Retreat (Feb 8-10) Sign up deadline is  
                    today. Open to students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact  
                    Katie Love or Maddie Wosinski to sign up.*

Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

- 10:00 a.m.      Meridian Township Playgroup
- 2:00 p.m.      Women's Study
- 7:00 p.m.      Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

- Noon Study in Pastor Ellen's office
- 7:00 p.m.      "Out of Order" Documentary at Studio C!

Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 a.m.      Men's Study
- 9:30 a.m.      Quilters
- 11:30 a.m.      60 +/- Luncheon
- 5:30 p.m.      Joyful Noise
- 5:45 p.m.      Dinner is served
- 6:30 p.m.      Faith Bells Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m.      Pre-K-2, Trinity and Confirmation classes begin
- 7:30 p.m.      Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00 a.m.      Service at Dobie Road

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. “Love Without Limits” Book Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Green Team hosts Consumers Energy Workshop/luncheon. Sign up available in the Narthex.

Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

- 10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Noon Study in Pastor’s office

Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 7:30 a.m. Men’s Study
- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner is served
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Bells Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. “Breathing Underwater” Book study begins
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-K-2, Trinity and Confirmation classes begin
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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Weekly Offering

Year to Date as of 8/31/2018

**September 9, 2018**

Loose Cash	\$ 42.00	Income	\$185,684
Loose Checks	\$ 25.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$199,318</u>
Flowers	\$ 25.00	Net	\$ (13,634)
Book Study	\$ 62.00		
General Fund	\$4525.00		
Subtotal	\$4679.00		
<u>Simply Giving</u>	<u>\$2406.00</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7085.00</b>		

**September 16, 2018**

Loose Cash	\$ 26.00
Loose Checks	\$ 25.00
World Hunger	\$ 25.00
Out of Order Doc.	\$ 350.00
Youth	
VBS Return	\$ 224.58
Bottle Return	\$ 20.40
Wednesday Dinner	
Green Team	\$ 58.00
Book Study	\$ 50.00
Building Fund	\$ 893.33
General Fund	\$3000.00
Michigan Ref. Hope	
Noisy Offering	\$ 187.50
Parish House	
School Supplies	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$4884.81</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4884.81</b>

**Vision 2020 as of 8/30/2018**

	Goal	Pledged	Paid	Due
<b>Parking Lot</b>	\$35,000	18,585	\$18525	\$0
<b>Pavilion</b>	\$30,000	\$2,100	\$1,100	\$1,000
<b>Trans. Fund</b>	\$66,500	\$13,125	\$12,375	\$ 750
<b>Audio/Video</b>	\$35,000	\$ 6,700	\$ 5,200	\$1,500
<b>Organ</b>	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$ 1,765	\$22,235
<b>MIDI</b>	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	\$0
<b>Not Designated</b>	\$	\$37,013	\$36,013	\$1,000

# 60 Plus or Minus



## ***Eating Well with Flavors You Love***

***Presented by Peggy Crum, RD, Nutritionist***

***Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 11:20 a.m.***

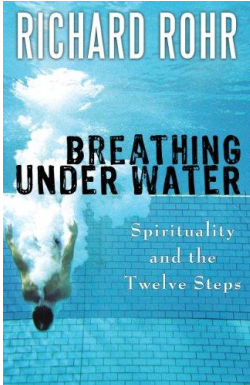
Our own Peggy Crum has chosen early autumn as the time to present this program of special interest to senior citizens. Peggy's own herb garden will be providing many of these flavors you love! She promises demonstrations and flavor samplings that will help you minimize your salt usage. Peggy has been a practicing dietitian since 1977, and is currently on the staff of the Health4U Program at Michigan State University.

We will gather in the lower fellowship hall at 11:20 a.m. on September 26 so that Peggy's program can begin promptly at 11:30. Our own luncheon of salad and sandwiches will follow the program (food provided – bring yourself and a free will offering!)

***Looking ahead:*** Pencil in on your calendar the 60 Plus or Minus lunch and program for October 24. Ellen Holste, a member of Faith, will be our speaker.

## MEETINGS AND STUDIES

### **New Book Study starting Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.**



Join Harold Sollenberger for a book study of Richard Rohr's book "Breathing Underwater." Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or email the church office if you need a copy of the book. The cost is \$12.00 if a book is needed.

## Parish House Updates/News

### **Parish House Needs**

We will continue to collect Meijer gift cards and cash donation for the youth for groceries. Donations can be given at the regular offering time or in a separate envelope marked "groceries". Thank you for your amazing generosity, it is greatly appreciated!! Contact Kim O'Brien at [corey\\_and\\_kim@yahoo.com](mailto:corey_and_kim@yahoo.com) with any questions.

# September

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, 11:30 a.m. Middle School Youth Group (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade), 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade) *Winter Retreat Deadline to sign-up (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)*

**26<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and confirmation (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**30<sup>th</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade

# October

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and confirmation (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**7<sup>th</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade

**10<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and confirmation (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**13<sup>th</sup>:** 3:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Fall Fest/Tailgate/Corn Maze: Starts at Love's House

**14<sup>th</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, No 9-12<sup>th</sup> Youth Group tonight

**17<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and confirmation (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**21<sup>st</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, 11:30 a.m. Middle School Youth Group (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**24<sup>th</sup>:** 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and confirmation (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**28<sup>th</sup>:** 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade, High School Youth Group (9-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**31<sup>st</sup>:** NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES



## High School & Middle School Winter Retreat!

Grades 6th-12th

@ Grace Adventures in Silver Lake, MI

February 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2019

This retreat **FILLS UP FAST** so you must register by

**Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please let Katie or Maddie know if you would like your spot reserved!**

**Cost \$109.00-** includes all activities, food, lodging and more. **No money is due now, we just need to save your spot!!**

### What is there to do at Grace??

Game Room, Bonfires, Gaga Ball, Climbing Tower, Reball, Open Gym, Tubing, Snowshoes, Broomball, Horseback Trail Rides, Volleyball, Wagon Rides, Lawn Games, Photo Booth.

This camp has great accommodations and *inside cabin restrooms*

😊 Looking forward to a great time!!



Calling all 9-12<sup>th</sup> Graders!!

**Fall Fest-October 13<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00 p.m.-??**

Football, Games, Pumpkin Carving, Dinner, Corn Maze etc... Bring your friends and come ready for FUN!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Out of Order Documentary Community Screening

Tuesday, September 25

Faith Lutheran is joining together with 5 other community churches to host a community screening of *Out of Order: Queer Pastors Redefining Church*. *Out of Order* is a groundbreaking feature documentary revealing the complex and painful struggles faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) faith leaders.

The free screening will be held on Tuesday, September 25, at Studio C! in Okemos. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the event starting at 7:00 p.m. and lasting about 2 hours.

Contact Rich Weingartner or the church office for more information and to obtain your free tickets. While the tickets are free, we ask that you get a ticket to ensure seating is available. Some tickets may be available at the door. More information about the documentary is available at

<http://www.outoforderdoc.com/>

**GREEN TEAM NEWS –**

The logo for Consumers Energy, featuring the company name in a blue, italicized sans-serif font. The text is positioned to the left of a thick, green, curved swoosh that starts under the 'C' and ends under the 'y', curving upwards and then downwards.

The Green Team is planning a **Consumers Energy Workshop/Luncheon event for Sunday, September 30, following worship.**

Consumers Energy representatives will be here to share information regarding the Helping Neighbors Program they are offering to customers. This program encourages customers to have a Free Energy Audit done on their home. Faith Lutheran Church will get credit for all energy audits done using the Faith Lutheran code that has been provided for us (FAITHLU18).

If 50 homes, ***anywhere in the state of Michigan***, have this done, Faith Lutheran Church will receive \$500 from Consumers. If we are able to get more homeowners to register and receive this free audit, we could receive up to \$2,000 from Consumers.

September 30 will be the kick-off event for this fundraising effort. The Green Team hopes to raise enough money to eventually put more insulation in the attic of the Parish House and replace the front window of the house with something that is more energy efficient. Consumers Energy desires that we have 50 people attend this kickoff/informational luncheon. *A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex*, so Consumers knows approximately how much food they will need to provide.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Covenantal Restoration: A 12 session film series on faith and race Faith Lutheran Church's RIC Team and St. Paul's Lutheran Church join forces to learn about and address issues of race within our culture.**

Racism and oppression have a long and painful past and present, it is an open, aching human wound that reflects a fracture in our relationship with God. Understanding how it was promoted and is still alive and acting out in the construct of our beliefs and systems and structures is the beginning of caring for this wound.

In this series on faith and race we pray God would bring you hope, renew your mind, enliven your spirit, and gift you with the virtues of the Divine's own heart. May God strengthen your stand, inspire your movement towards God's dream for humanity, and increase Kingdom square footage with each step you make in Love.

**We will be presenting this 12 session film series throughout this coming year, beginning in October. Beginning at 7:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening of each month, a film will be shown at St. Paul's, and on the 4th Tuesday evening of each month, another film will be shown at Faith Lutheran.**

**This is a listing of the first 2 scheduled showings:**

**10/9 – at St. Paul's - SESSION 1 //A Beloved Community with Rene August**

**10/23 – at Faith Lutheran – SESSION 2 //Restoration of Relationship with Reggie Williams**

## **CARING COMMITTEE NEWS**

**THANK YOU** from the Caring Committee to everyone who brought in food, donated money for perishables, helped pack the food items and those who delivered the food. We delivered food to 22 families in Meridian Township. We are again grateful to the Great Harvest Bread Company for donating 28 loaves of bread. When you shop at the Great Harvest Bread Company, please tell them how much Faith Lutheran appreciates their support in this important ministry in our community.

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## **PERSONAL CARE KITS for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

With all the natural and man-made disasters around the world, 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 the month of September before the October shipping date.

### **Each kit will contain these items**

- 1 Bath Size Towel- dark color, medium weight
- 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 basket will be in the Narthex. Thank you for your help in the project. Contact Charlotte Rasmussen if you have any questions.