



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for November 4-November 17

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- † Members—Sally Knoll, Walter Kopf, Ellen Milne, Darrell Neves, Janice Taschner & Ken Whitmyer.
- † Friends and family—
Harriet, Michael Bennett, 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, Vicki Monroe & family, Patricia Rinehart, Bethany Robison, Karen Smiley, Jean Smith, Scott & Lisa Seeley, and the White family.
- † 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

November 4: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include the supply pastors and the congregation of Augustana Lutheran Church of Tustin, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

November 11: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Renee MacLeod and the congregation of St. Peter Lutheran Church of Unionville, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 4

Stuff the Stocking Begins

9:00 a.m. Sunday School PK-5th grade

9:00 a.m. Book Study

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting

11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting

11:30 p.m. Property Clean Up

5:30 p.m. Beer & Hymns at Williamston Pub & Grill

Monday, November 5th

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, November 6th

Noon Study in Pastor Ellen's office lead by Kim O'Brien

Wednesday, November 7th

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. Pre-K-2, Trinity and Confirmation classes

6:30 p.m. *Breathing Underwater* Book Study

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 8th

Friday, November 9th

Saturday, November 10th

Sanctuary Rented

Sunday, November 11th

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:00 a.m. "Love Without Limits" Book Study

10:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group at Love's House

Monday, November 12th

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, November 13th

Noon Study in Pastor Ellen's office lead by Kim O'Brien

7:30 p.m. Film Series on Faith & Race at St. Paul Lutheran

Wednesday, November 14th

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. Pre-K-2, Trinity and Confirmation classes

6:30 p.m. *Breathing Underwater* Book Study

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 15th

6:00 p.m. Large Fellowship Hall Rental

Friday, November 16th

Saturday, November 17th

Large Fellowship Hall Rented

Property Clean Up

Annual Fall Clean Up

The Property Committee will have our annual Fall Cleanup Day on Sunday, Nov. 4th after service. All are welcome to help. We will concentrate on trimming and pruning trees and shrubs, as well as washing the aluminum siding on the door and back sides of the house garage. We'll try to do some weeding under the trees too. No mulching is needed this year. If you have any trimming and pruning tools, a wash bucket and sponge, that would be great. Wear gloves if you wish. Thanks for your help. Contact Bob Nelson or Rick Baderstadt if you have a question.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

October 21, 2018

Year to Date as of 9/30/2018

Loose Cash	\$ 66.00	Income	\$210,082
Loose Checks	\$ 30.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$232,575</u>
Sunday School	\$ 3.00	Net	\$ (22,493)
Choir Dinner	\$ 65.00		
General Fund	\$2120.00		
MI Refugee Hope	\$ 143.75		
Parish House	<u>\$ 343.75</u>		
Subtotal	\$2771.50		
Simply Giving			
General	\$2977.00		
<u>Building</u>	<u>\$ 25.00</u>		
Total	<u>\$5773.50</u>		

October 28, 2018

Loose Cash	\$ 71.00
Loose Checks	\$ 50.00
World Hunger	\$ 6.20
Flowers	\$ 25.00
10/24 Dinner	
Tech & Evang.	\$ 77.00
Michigan Refugee Hope	\$ 20.00
Loose Cash	\$ 66.00
Vision 2020	<u>\$2000.00</u>
Subtotal	\$4884.20
Total	<u>\$4884.20</u>

Building Information

Building Entrance

Throughout most of the week the main doors at Faith Lutheran will remain locked even during normal business hours. The "ring" video door bell has been installed and is located just to the right of the main door. If you arrive at the building and it is locked please use the doorbell and someone will assist you as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we get use to this new system.



STUFF THE STOCKINGS FOOD DRIVE

The Faith Lutheran Caring Committee was asked by the Meridian Township Human Services Director if we could provide support to families during the Christmas/Winter school break. There is a need for food items during this two-week break from school because children are at home during this time and do not get their breakfasts

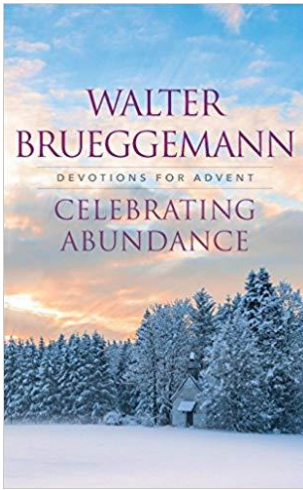
and/or lunches at school. Please look in the narthex for the grocery cart to appear and be ready to collect the donations for food items needed. **Needed items:**

peanut butter, jelly, snack bars, pop tarts, muffin mix, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruits, boxed cereals, oatmeal, macaroni & cheese, boxed meals- example hamburger helper, soup, boxed crackers, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce

With your cash donations we will purchase one dozen eggs, one gallon of milk and a loaf of bread to be included with the food donations.

Thank you, Faith Family, for helping those in the community that have a need. Food collection for this project will begin in November and our delivery date will be Sunday, December 16.

Devotions for Advent



Devotions for Advent: Celebrating Abundance by Walter Brueggemann
Advent is coming! In fact, Advent begins on Sunday, December 2. Advent is really “not the kind ‘preparation’ that involves shopping and parties and cards. Such illusions of abundance disguise the true cravings of our weary souls. Advent is preparation for the demands of newness that will break the tired patters of fear in our lives.” (Walter Brueggemann – *Celebrating Abundance*.) So, we invite you to daily spend time in a short Advent devotion as we move toward Christmas. If you are interested in purchasing the book ***Devotions for Advent: Celebrating Abundance*** by Walter

Brueggemann, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex and we will order you your own copy. You can then devote a few minutes each day as we prepare for the newness into which God invites us. The book is \$10.00. Please put "Advent Book" on the memo line of your check.

Parish House Updates/News

Parish House needs:

-We currently have four young men in the church house and we may have six by the end of November. We are in need of another refrigerator (does not have to be with a freezer, maybe even a small one will work) and a couple more dressers. Used items in good condition would be great! If you have a lead on one of these items please let Kim or Laurie know!

-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 with any questions.

November

4th: 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5th grade, 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (9-12th grade) at Love's House

7th: 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2nd, Trinity (3-5th grade) and confirmation (6-8th grade)

11th: 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5th grade, 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (9-12th grade) at Love's House

14th: 5:30 H.S. Youth Group serves dinner, 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2nd, Trinity (3-5th grade) and confirmation (6-8th grade)

18th: 9 a.m. Sunday School PK-5th grade, 3:00 p.m. H.S. & Middle School Rake & Run followed by dinner at Love's House.

21st: No Wednesday Studies

25th: No Sunday School or Youth Group

The High School & Middle School Youth Groups will be doing a "**Rake n Run**" on Sunday, November 18th at 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting) if you live within 10 miles of the church and need some extra assistance raking your lawn please contact Katie Love in the church office.





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.

This 12 session film series continues to be offered on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday throughout the coming year. Beginning at 7:30 on the 2nd 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 scheduled showings:

This is a listing of the next 2 scheduled showings:

11/13 – at St. Paul's - SESSION 3 //The Idol of Whiteness with Jim Wallis

11/27- at Faith Lutheran- SESSION 4// Stone Catches with Bryan Stevenson

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday evenings of each month for this meaningful experience!



HURRICANE Recovery Efforts

February Mission Trip to New Bern, North Carolina

Members of Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos, First Lutheran Church in Muskegon, Trinity Lutheran Church in New Era, and any other interested persons will be heading to New Bern, North Carolina February 2 – 10. We will be partnering with the members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church (www.standrewnewbern.com) in New Bern and their Pastor, Ted Rust, as they work to rebuild following a devastating hit by Hurricane Florence. Several of the families from St. Andrew lost homes in the hurricane. The whole area was devastated.

We will be traveling by bus, the First Lutheran Bus. The cost of the trip is estimated to be \$150 per person. We will be staying at **Don Lee Camp and Retreat Center**. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have further questions, please talk to Pastor Ellen.

Ways to Give

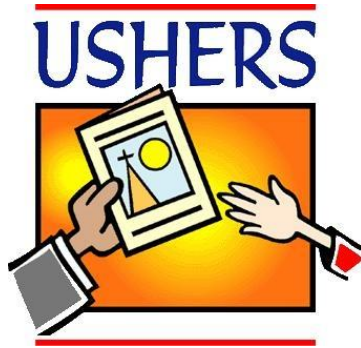


We have 3 convenient ways to Give to Faith Lutheran.
Please contact Tom Schrote if you have any questions.

1. **Offering Plate/envelopes** on Sunday mornings. Envelopes are available to use for Sunday morning offering. Please contact Tom if you would like them ordered for your family.
2. **Simply Giving**, your contributions are debited automatically from your checking or savings account on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. It works the same convenient way as your mortgage, utility, cell phone, or any other reoccurring bills you pay electronically from your bank account. Please contact Tom or Katie in the church office for an enrollment form.
3. **Newest Way to Pay: GIVE+ App.**: Supporting your church's mission is as easy as 1-2-3. With GivePlus Mobile your members and guests can express their generosity in the moment — right from the palm of their hand.

1. **Download the app**
2. **Find your church: Faith Lutheran Church, Meridian Township**
3. **Give**

Volunteers are Needed!!



Contact Ken Schoepf: kjschoepf@gmail.com



Contact Elaine Harrison: jon.harrison@comcast.net



Contact Jennifer Coe: jenlynncoe@yahoo.com

The logo for Consumers Energy features the company name in a blue, italicized sans-serif font. A green swoosh underline starts under the 'C' and extends to the right, curving upwards. Below the swoosh, the slogan "Count on Us" is written in a smaller, blue, italicized sans-serif font.

Consumers Energy

Count on Us

Energy Audit Progress

**23 Homes have Signed up for the Energy Audit.
Have you set up your FREE Audit?? You must use code
FAITHLU18 for it to be created to our account.**

Consumers Energy 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.

Consumers forms, and more information are available in the church Narthex.