



N O V E M B E R

Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for November 18-November 30

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

November 25: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Douglas Ogden and the congregation of Lebanon Lutheran Church of Lebanon, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 18th

Stuff the Stocking Continues

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

9:00 a.m. Book Study

10:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering

3:00 p.m. Middle/High School Rake & Run

6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

6:30 p.m. Bar Theology

Monday, November 19th

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 20th

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

Wednesday, November 21st

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service

Pie Fest Following worship

Thursday, November 22nd

Happy Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed

Friday, November 23rd

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 24th

Sunday, November 25th

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, November 26th

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

7:00 p.m. Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, November 27th

Noon Study in Pastor Ellen's office lead by Kim O'Brien
7:30 p.m. Film Series on Faith & Race at Faith Lutheran

Wednesday, November 28th

7:30 a.m. Men's Study
9:30 a.m. Quilters
11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Meeting
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 29th

11 a.m. Dobie Road Service

Friday, November 30th

Saturday, December 1st

9:00 a.m. Church Decorating

Thanksgiving Eve



Join us for Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Join us following Thanksgiving Eve service for Pie Fest in the large Fellowship Hall. Bring a pie to pass



FINANCIAL UPDATE

November 4, 2018

Year to Date as of 9/30/2018

Loose Cash	\$ 78.11	Income	\$210,082
Loose Checks	\$ 50.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$232,575</u>
World Hunger	\$ 45.00	Net	\$ (22,493)
Flowers	\$ 55.00		
Youth	\$ 25.00		
Memorials			
Jedida Zumafor	\$1238.00		
Parish House	<u>\$1755.77</u>		
Subtotal	\$6831.88		
Simply Giving	\$2156.00		
Total	<u>\$8987.88</u>		

November 11, 2018

Loose Cash	\$ 30.50
Loose Checks	\$ 75.00
World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Youth Retreat	\$ 109.00
Facility Rental	\$ 100.00
11/4 Dinner	
Worship Committee	\$ 74.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
General Fund	\$3266.24
Parish House Project	\$2000.00
Subtotal	<u>\$5729.74</u>
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C H R I S T M A S S E A S O N

Poinsettia Orders

It's Poinsettia order time again!
Order forms are available in the
narthex at church. Please drop off
your form in the church office or in
Katie Love's mailbox. Deadline
Sunday, December 9th



Decorate Faith for Christmas

Mark your calendar and join us
Saturday, December 1 at 9:00
a.m. We will be putting up the
Christmas trees and other
decoration to make the building
look festive for the Holiday
Season! Pastor Ellen will supply donuts and coffee!
Come and enter into the Holiday spirit with us!





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.

Coming Soon...



Help Decorate the Sharing Tree
Not with Ornaments and Tinsel....
.....but with baby items!!!

The Sharing Tree will be up in the Narthex the last week of November.

Visit the Sharing Tree in the coffee fellowship area and select a paper "ornament" or two. On each ornament a specific layette item is indicated. Take the ornament home, so it can be a reminder of what to purchase. (*Only new baby items, please.*) Bring your unwrapped, layette items and tuck them into the Sharing Tree branches. Your gifts will be given to Shared Pregnancy of Lansing, an organization that offers emotional and spiritual support to new moms.



60 +/- Advent Event

“Remembering Christmases Past”

November 28, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Program: “Remembering Christmases Past”

Faith’s own Mike Eschelbach will share with us stories of his Tree Ornament Collection of many years. All of us will enjoy sharing our family Christmas memories that have become special to us through the years. Stories that have long been precious of family celebrations, time of joy and laughter, and memories of near disasters! Let us hear how Christmas was celebrated at your church, in your family or when you were a child. Tree trimming, family dinners, unusual gifts, and the joy of telling the beloved story of Jesus’ birth.

Food:

Swedish meat balls will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish to pass, perhaps a Christmas favorite that falls under the category of main dish, salad or dessert.

Sign Up Now:

Please sign up on the 60 +/- board in the Narthex.

Coming next month...



Christmas Dinner

**Noon on Sunday, December 9th at Old
Chicago**

(corner of Marsh & Grand River)

Please sign up on the 60 +/- board in the Narthex.

Please contact Marla Holle at 517-349-5265 or the church office 517-349-0620 with any questions.

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.

DCYE/PARISH ED

November

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.



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.

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:

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

12/11 – at St. Paul's – SESSION 5 //Holy Mischief with Simone Campbell

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**

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 curves over the 'y'. 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

**25 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.