



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for December 30-January 12

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- ✠ Members—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

December 30: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Carolyn Heider and the congregation of Feast of Victory Lutheran Church of Acme, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

January 6: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Dan Ward and the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Allegan, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 30th

Sharing Tree continues No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism

Monday, December 31st & Tuesday, January 1st

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2nd

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

Thursday, January 3rd

Friday, January 4th

Saturday, January 5th

Sunday, January 6th

No Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship

Decoration take down following worship

11:30 a.m. Worship Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m. Beer & Hymns

Monday, January 7th

Tuesday, January 8th

Noon: Study in Pastor's Office

Wednesday, January 9th

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:45 p.m. Dinner begins served by Green Team

6:30 p.m. Book Study Begins

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

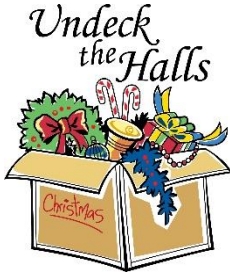
7:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 10th

Friday, January 11th

Saturday, January 12th



Volunteers are needed to Undeck the Church on Sunday, January 6th following the morning worship service. Please stay after if you are able. Many hands make light work. Thanks in advance!



Faith Lutheran will be welcoming new members on Sunday, January 20th. If you would like to become a member please contact Pastor Ellen or Katie Love

prellen@faithluthernokemos.org

klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27th following worship.



ANNUAL MEETING

FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 16, 2018

Year to Date as of 10/31/2018

Loose Cash	\$ 39.00
Loose Checks	\$ 5.00
World Hunger	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 95.00
Food Drive	\$ 40.00
Facility Rental	\$ 100.00
MRH	\$ 114.75
Book Study	\$ 22.00
Youth Feb Retreat	\$ 218.00
Staff Gifts	\$ 900.00
Memorial	
Choir-Jim Shorman	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
General Fund	\$7950.00
Parish House Project	<u>\$ 270.75</u>
Subtotal	\$9939.50

Income	\$222,374
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$258,742</u>
Net	\$ (36,368)

Simply Giving \$ 140.00

Total **\$10079.50****December 23, 2018**

Loose Cash	\$ 90.00
Loose Checks	\$ 50.00
World Hunger	\$ 3.00
Book Study	\$ 12.00
Quilters	\$ 35.00
Youth Feb Retreat	\$ 109.00
Staff Gifts	\$ 690.00
Flowers	\$ 45.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
General Fund	\$3000.00
Vision 2020	\$ 100.00
Parish House Project	<u>\$ 700.00</u>

Subtotal \$4859.00

Simply Giving \$ 100.00

Total **\$4959.00****December 24, 2018**

Loose Cash	\$ 384.00
Loose Checks	\$ 245.00
World Hunger	\$ 25.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Staff Gifts	\$ 80.00
General Fund	<u>\$1775.00</u>
Subtotal	\$2529.00
Simply Giving	\$3102.00

Total **\$5631.00**

60 +/- January Meeting
January 23 at 2:00 p.m.

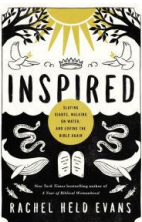
JANUARY 23, 2019 begins the new year of 60+/- with the showing of the film: **THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE**, a new first run movie that will keep you warm and informed about this heroic person. Popcorn, beverage, film and Faith friends: What better way to spend an afternoon?



The time will be 2 p.m. as in other years. Please let the committee know how many will be coming by signing the list on the Faith at Work board, (backside). If weather causes the closing of Okemos schools, know this film will be rescheduled. We'll be looking for you!! Feel free to bring a friend.

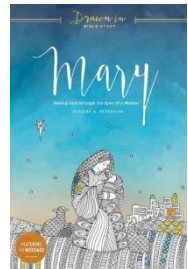
Book Study

Lois Neves will be leading a book study on the book "*Inspired*" by Rachel Held Evans. This book study will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting will be Wednesday, January 9th. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office. Books are available for \$12.00.



Book Study

Join Pam Williams starting Sunday, January 13th at 9:00 a.m. for a 4-week study of Mary. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Katie if you would like to sign up. Books are available for \$7.00 Please put "*Mary Book Study*" on the memo line of your check.



Ways you can help!

**DRIVERS
NEEDED**



Drivers Needed

We are looking for drivers for Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. to take the boys from Parish House to Williamston High School. Driving is needed starting Tuesday, January 8th. If you are able please contact [Kim O'Brien](#).

Many thanks!



**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.

Help Decorate the Sharing Tree

Not with Ornaments and Tinsel....

.....but with baby items!!!

Receiving items Sunday, December 2nd- Sunday,
January 6th



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.

January:

- 9: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 13: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
Middle School Youth Group following worship.
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
- 16: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 20: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 23: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 27: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
- 30: **HS Youth Group Serves Dinner**
6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)

February:

- 3: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
- 6: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 8-10: Middle & High School Youth to Grace Bible camp for Winter Retreat!!!
- 10: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
- 13: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 17: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 20: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 24: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
- 27: 6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)



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:

1/8- at St. Paul's - SESSION 6// Politics of Radical Difference with Dr. R Henderson-Espinoza

1/22 – Faith Lutheran – SESSION 7 //Refusing to be Enemies with Amal Nassar

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**

Energy Audits

Energy Audit Progress 30 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.