



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for January 27- February 9

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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

January 27: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Bishop William Gohl Jr. and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Alpena, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

February 3: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Nate Dehnke and the congregation of St John's Lutheran Church of Baroda, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 27

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Book Study
10:00 a.m. Worship/RIC Sunday
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting & Lunch in fellowship hall
4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group at Faith
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group at Love's house

Monday, January 28

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

Tuesday, January 29

- Noon: Study in Pastor's office: All are welcome!

Wednesday, January 30

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study
9:30 a.m. Quilters
5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
Euchre Games will be played before and after dinner
5:45 p.m. Dinner begins served by High School Youth Group
6:30 p.m. Book Study
6:30 p.m. Classes for pk-confirmation
6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 31

Friday, February 1

Saturday, February 2

Sunday, February 3

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Book Study
10:00 a.m. Worship: *Noisy Offering for those effected by government shutdown (if still continuing)*
11:30 a.m. Worship Committee
5:30 p.m. Beer & Hymns at Williamston Pub & Grill

Monday, February 4

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, February 5

Noon: Study in Pastor's Office

Wednesday, February 6

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

Euchre Games will be played before and after dinner

5:45 p.m. Dinner begins served by Membership Development

6:30 p.m. Book Study

6:30 p.m. Classes for pk-confiramation

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 7

Friday, February 8

Middle & High School Youth group winter retreat

Saturday, February 9

Middle & High School Youth group winter retreat

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



ANNUAL MEETING

FINANCIAL UPDATE

January 13, 2019

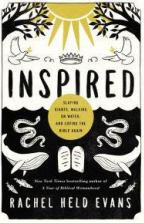
Year to Date as of 12/31/2018

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| Loose Cash | \$ 19.00 |
| Loose Checks | \$ 5.00 |
| Women's retreat deposit | \$ 50.00 |
| Facility Rental | \$ 100.00 |
| Book Study | \$ 7.00 |
| 2019 Envelope | \$ 40.00 |
| General Fund | \$3270.00 |
| Green Team Dinner | \$ 39.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund | \$ 50.00 |
| Vision 2020 | \$ 100.00 |
| Parish House Project | <u>\$ 50.00</u> |
| Subtotal | \$3730.00 |
| Simply Giving General | <u>\$ 100.00</u> |

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| Income | \$297,545 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | <u>\$311,203</u> |
| Net | \$ (13,658) |

Total **\$ 3830.00****January 20, 2019**

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| Loose Cash | \$ 37.00 |
| World Hunger | \$ 50.00 |
| Staff Gifts | \$ 100.00 |
| Faith & Racism | \$ 530.00 |
| Holle Speaker Series | \$ 200.00 |
| 1/16 Chancel Choir Dinner | \$ 70.00 |
| Facility Rental | \$ 300.00 |
| Flowers | \$ 25.00 |
| Youth Retreat | \$ 109.00 |
| General | \$ 25.00 |
| General Fund | \$2235.00 |
| MI Refugee Hope | \$ 115.75 |
| Parish House Project | \$ 115.75 |
| Building Fund | <u>\$ 25.00</u> |
| Subtotal | \$3937.50 |
| Simply Giving General | \$3216.00 |
| Building | <u>\$ 25.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$7178.50</u> |

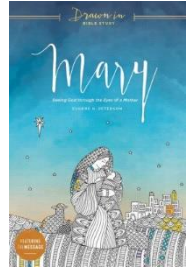


Book Study

Lois Neves is 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 was Wednesday, January 9th. Please feel free to join the book study at any time. Books can be purchased on Amazon or by contacting the church office.

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.



Congregational Art Project

CONGREGATIONAL ART PROJECT – Local artist and art instructor, Elizabeth Wylegala, will be working with us this year to create and construct a congregational art project. EVERYONE, people of all ages, will be able to participate in creating this work of art. Elizabeth will join us, following worship, on the Sundays of **February 17, March 24, and April 28** as we begin work on this artistic venture. We will be creating something that shows how each of you live your faith in daily life. To prepare for this, please be thinking about the ways in which each of you live the gospel Good News as you go about your daily life within the context of the greater community. Come ready to share that information as we create a piece of art that will eventually hang in the entrance area of our facility.

Coming in March

March 1st-3rd: Grand Rapids, Mi



Marriage Retreat: Signup sheet is in the

Narthex. Cost \$260/couple. Fee includes registration, lodging on Friday & Saturday night, Friday & Saturday night dinner and Saturday & Sunday morning breakfast. Contact Pastor Ellen with any questions.

Ways you can help!

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!

1st Sunday of the Month: Noisy Offering

Our next offering is scheduled for February 3rd

With the government shutdown that is taking place, people connected to our Faith community as well as others in our greater community are beginning to feel the financial crunch. Money collected from this Noisy Offering will be available to assist people who have been furloughed as well as those in our surrounding community who will not be able to receive funds through some government food programs such as WIC. As people of faith, we are called to bear one another's

burdens. Therefore, throughout the duration of this shutdown, we will be taking a Noisy Offering on the 1st Sunday of the month for this purpose. This offering will go into the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and will be available to anyone in need of some additional help during this time. The money can be dispersed anonymously, if necessary, with only the Treasurer, the Pastor and the Secretary knowing the identity of the recipients. Also, people can always contribute to this fund at any time during the month as long as this trying time continues to challenge people's lives.



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January:

- 27: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group at Faith
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
 New High School study starts
- 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)

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The high school youth group will be starting a new study on Sunday, January 27th. It's titled "*Better Than One*" and explores God's design for friendship. "We need not just hang-out friends, but good friends who love, encourage, and challenge us". -Dhati Lewis.

Looking forward to this study with your teen. 6-8 p.m. at Loves house.
 Contact Katie for more information kllove@faithlutheranokemos.org

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 few scheduled showings:

2/12 – at St. Paul's – SESSION 8 //Covenantal Restoration with Terry LeBlanc

2/26 – at Faith Lutheran – SESSION 9 //Created for Abundant Life with Llewellyn MacMaster

3/12 – at St. Paul's – SESSION 10 //A Fuller Picture of God with Michael A. Mata

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**