



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for March 10-23

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- ✠ Members—Walter Kopf, Ellen Milne, Harold Sollenberger, Janice Taschner & Ken Whitmyer.
- ✠ Friends and family—
Terri Anderson, 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

March 10: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Dennis Smith and the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Big Rapids, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

March 17: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Rheanna Goodrich and the congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Bridgeport, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 10

Day Light Savings Time Begins!!

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Study

10:00 a.m. Worship/Reverse Offering

6:00 p.m. Middle/High School Youth group at Love's House

Monday, March 11

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, March 12

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

7:30 p.m. Series of Faith and Race at St. Paul

Wednesday, March 13

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 Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Book Study

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

6:15 p.m. Faith Bells

7:15 p.m. Lenten Service

7:45 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal

8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

7:00 p.m. Refugee Benefit Concert at University Lutheran

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Study

10:00 a.m. Worship/Noisy offering

Nik Shillack will again join us for worship. Pastor Nik works for Samaritas as their ministry representative to churches in Michigan. He will share with us the good news of the gospel and explain how that gospel is being lived out to others through the ministries of Samaritas.

11:30 a.m. Mutual Ministry in the Library
6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

Monday, March 18

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup
7:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, March 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

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 Trinity Class
6:30 p.m. Book Study
6:30 p.m. Classes for pk-confirmation
6:15 p.m. Faith Bells
7:15 p.m. Lenten Service
7:45 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal
8:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

9:30 For the Life of the World at University Lutheran

Sunday, March 24

9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Study
10:00 a.m. Worship

During worship Tula Ngasala will be sharing with us more news about the water project in Tanzania during our morning worship. Faith Lutheran has been instrumental in the development of this project. Tula will update us on the work that has been done and what still needs to be done. This project represents one of the ways our congregation is participating in giving life to a community as well as working to diligently be good stewards of our earthly environment.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

February 10, 2019

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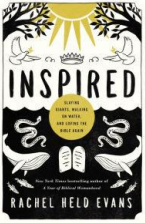
Loose Cash	\$ 53.00
Loose Checks	\$ 5.00
World Hunger	\$ 45.00
Youth Retreat	\$ 763.00
Book Study	\$ 7.00
Capital Repairs	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00
General Fund	<u>\$2200.00</u>
Subtotal	\$3223.00
Simply Giving	
General	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total	<u>\$3423.00</u>

Year to Date as of 1/31/2019

Income	\$17,601
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$22,087</u>
Net	\$ (4,486)

February 24, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 27.00
World Hunger	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 75.00
General Fund	\$2915.00
Parish House Project	<u>\$ 920.70</u>
Subtotal	\$3942.70
Simply Giving	
General	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total	<u>\$4042.70</u>



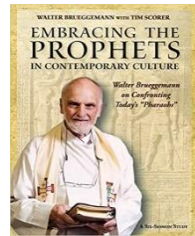
Book Study

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.

Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture

by Walter Brueggemann

This six-session Video/Discussion Class will begin on Sunday morning, March 3, during the Sunday School hour at 9:00 AM in the library. Kim O’Brien will be leading this class.



In a series of six class sessions, Walter Brueggemann, arguably America’s leading Old Testament scholar and theologian, will take you on a wild ride through the poetic prophecy of the Hebrew Scriptures. He will identify cultural contexts, putting a framework to Israel’s history, and most significantly – and at times challengingly! – draw connections between Israel’s sociological, economic and spiritual status and that of America today.

Created in 2011, this series will lead you through questions like:

- What was the message of these remarkable poet-prophets in their own time and place?
- What is their message for us today?
- Who are today’s prophetic voices?
- How has the contemporary church been co-opted by culture?
- What steps can we take to reclaim the prophetic message of distributive justice, nonviolence, loss and hope?
- And, what is *your* role in bringing God’s perspective to today’s society?

Each session begins with a 10-15 minute video presentation by Walter Brueggemann, followed by filmed interaction with a diverse small group. Then, Kim O’Brien will lead you through a discussion of what you have learned.

Please consider signing up to participate in this very meaningful and enriching class experience as you go deeper in your faith journey. Add your name to the class sign-up sheet in the narthex so we are sure to have enough workbooks for everyone.

Congregational Art Project

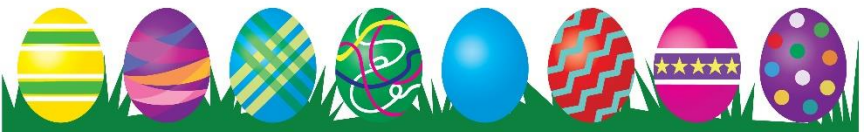
CONGREGATIONAL ART PROJECT – Local artist and art instructor, Elizabeth Wylegala, will be working with us this year to create and construct a congregational art project. **EVERYONE**, people of all ages, will be able to participate in creating this work of art. Elizabeth will join us, following worship, on the Sundays of **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.

Ways you can help!



CARING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Caring Committee will be filling Easter Baskets again for about 20 local families. The reverse offering will be March 10 and food collection to follow. We will be packing food on April 10 and delivery will be April 14. We will need helpers. See Pam Williams or Lois Neves for questions.



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

**DRIVERS
NEEDED**



March:

- 10: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
- 13: **Confirmation Class hosts dinner**
6:30 p.m. Classes for PK-2nd grade, Trinity (3-5th grade)
and Confirmation (6th-8th grade)
- 17: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade)
- 20: **Trinity Class hosts dinner**
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) Middle School
Youth group following worship
6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Katie Love's home
- 31: No Sunday School: Happy Spring Break!

VBS: June 24-27 from 5:30-8 p.m.



Mark your calendar for this year's Vacation Bible School!!

We will be ROARING into summer as
we celebrate that life is WILD and GOD
IS GOOD!!

VBS will be June 24-27 from
5:30-8 p.m. with dinner served from
5:30-6:00 p.m. Programing
will be for PK-Middle School as well
as classes offered for adults.

It takes a lot of work and volunteers to make a VBS happen.
Please pray and consider how you might be able to serve this
year at VBS! If you are able to volunteer for some days or all,
please contact Maddie Wosinski at mwosinski@icloud.com



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:

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

3/26- at Faith Lutheran – SESSION 11//Pulling All Things Together in Love with James Forbes

4/9- at St. Paul's- SESSION 12//Bring Your Fullness with Rashad Robinson

COMING THIS SPRING

Faith Lutheran Golf League –

This summer, our Golf League will again hit the tees. Our league will play on **Thursday evenings at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course**. We tee off at **5:30 each week** and ***all are welcome***. Come and join us even if you cannot be there every week. Our first night of golf will be **Thursday, May 23** and we will play for **18 consecutive Thursdays, with our last day of play being Thursday, September 19**. The cost for the season will be \$234 per player. This is to be paid on the first night of play. We play a couples/double scramble. If you are interested in playing, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you should have any questions, please speak to Pastor Ellen or Ken Schoepf.



March 23 | 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Lunch Provided
Free Will Offering

University Lutheran Church
1020 South Harrison Road
East Lansing, Michigan

For the Life of the World – Bonhoeffer & Ecology

Sponsored by
The NWLM Synod Publicly Engaged Church Table
and The Holle Speaker Series

Guest Presenter: Rev. Dr. Lisa Dahill

Workshops:
Samaritas – Refugee Resettlement
SEMI Synod - BRRICK (Building Racial Reconciliation in
Christ's Kingdom)
Interfaith Power & Light – Environmental Stewardship

Registration: Mittensynod.org

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday Services – Wednesday, March 6

12:00 Noon Service at Faith Lutheran followed by Soup Luncheon

7:00 PM Service at Haslett Community Church

This will be a combined service with the following churches participating: Okemos Presbyterian, Okemos Community, Faith Lutheran and Haslett Community Church. A joint choir will be singing at this service and the offering taken at this service will go to the Meridian Township Division for Human Services.

Weekly Wednesday Night Soup Suppers and Lenten Services

Beginning on Wednesday, March 13, we will again hold weekly Lenten services at Faith Lutheran. We will worship as we sing the music of Holden Evening Prayer and experience the poems and reflections of *Forty Days: A Journey Through the Desert of Lent*.

Wednesday Eve Schedule 3/13-4/10

No Dinner or Classes on 4/3, Lenten Service only

5:30-6:00	Joyful Noise Rehearsal
5:45-7:00	Dinner is Served
6:15-7:00	Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:30-7:05	Pk/Trinity/Confirmation and Adult Classes
7:15-7:45	Lenten Services
7:45-8:15	Cantata Rehearsal
8:15-9:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday Service – April 18

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service at Faith Lutheran, April 18

Good Friday Services – April 19

12:00 Noon Service at Okemos Community Church

This will be a combined service with the following churches participating: Okemos Presbyterian, Okemos Community, Faith Lutheran and Haslett Community Church. A joint choir will be singing at this service and the offering taken at this service will go to the local area food banks.

7:00 PM Service at Faith Lutheran Church

Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church will join us for this service as our choirs shares *Once Upon a Tree*, a musical version of Luke's account of Jesus' passion. Join us for this deeply meaningful experience.

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**