

## Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for March 24-April 13

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### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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Please lift up in prayer this week:

- ✠ Members—Walter Kopf, Ellen Milne, 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.
- ✠ Samaritan 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**

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March 24: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Scott Torkko and the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church of Cadillac, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

March 31: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. David Keller and the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church of Charlotte, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

April 7: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. David Hueter and the congregation of St. Thomas Lutheran Church of Charlotte, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

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NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

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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.*

Following Worship Congregational Art project

Following Worship Middle School Youth Group

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday, March 25

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

2:00 p.m. Women's Study

6:00 p.m. Large Fellowship Hall Rental

7:00 p.m. Green Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 26

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

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

Wednesday, March 27

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Meeting and Potluck

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:45 p.m. Dinner begins served by Mutual Ministry

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 28

11:00 a.m. Dobie Road Service

Friday, March 29

Saturday, March 30

Sunday, March 31

9:00 a.m. No Sunday School or Adult Study

10:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism

Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

No Wednesday Night Meal or classes

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, April 4

Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 6

Large Fellowship Hall rental

Sunday, April 7

**Easter Flower Orders Due**

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

10:00 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. Memorial for Carol Towl with luncheon to follow

**No Beer & Hymns**

Monday, April 8

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, April 9

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

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

Wednesday, April 10

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 60+/-

Packing Easter Food

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, April 11

Friday, April 12

Saturday, April 13

**Easter Flower Order forms are available  
in the Narthex. Order forms are due by  
Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.**



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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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**March 3, 2019**

Loose Cash	\$ 60.00
Loose Checks	\$ 105.00
World Hunger	\$ 15.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00
Youth	
Bottle Return	\$ 49.00
Scholarship	\$ 25.00
Facility Rental	\$ 150.00
Parish House Project	\$ 19.00
General Fund	<u>\$3115.00</u>
 Subtotal	 \$3588.00
Simply Giving	
Building	\$ 75.00
General	<u>\$4146.00</u>
 <b>Total</b>	 <b>\$7809.00</b>

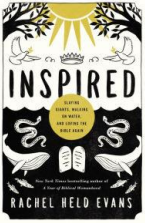
Year to Date as of 2/28/2019	
Income	\$21,224
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$28,308</u>
Net	\$ (7,084)

**March 10, 2019**

Loose Cash	\$ 18.00
Loose Checks	\$ 75.00
World Hunger	\$ 25.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00
Youth	
Shrove Dinner	\$ 225.00
 Memorial	 
Carol Towl	\$ 80.00
General Fund	\$1315.00
Ash Wednesday Ser.	<u>\$ 118.00</u>
 Subtotal	 \$1906.00
Simply Giving	
General	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2006.00</b>

**March 17, 2019**

Loose Cash	\$ 23.00
Loose Checks	\$ 75.00
World Hunger	\$ 102.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
3/13 Dinner	
Confirmation	\$ 50.00
Lenten Service	\$ 93.00
Memorial	
Carol Towl	\$ 315.00
Holle Speaker Series	\$ 100.00
General Fund	\$3895.00
Mi Refugee Hope	\$ 74.75
Parish House Project	\$ 194.75
Vision 2020	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Subtotal	\$5047.50
Simply Giving	
General	\$3736.00
Building	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8808.50</b>



## 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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*

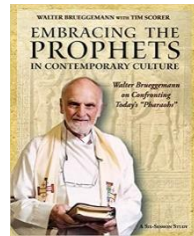
by Walter Brueggemann

### Next Meetings...

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

**No Meeting Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**



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.



60 +/-  
Potluck

March 27, 2019  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall  
Potluck & Exciting Program

Discovered among our gifted members is Dale Halvorson whose wood carvings of farm implements will astonish you. He works without patterns or drawings bringing into being small plows, planters, spreaders, tractors etc. For those persons who were reared on farm communities, his presentation will bring back memories of earlier times for us all. Dale's wife Mavis, one of Faiths efficient quilters, may have some stories of her own to share. They are among North Dakota's best!

Sign up sheet is available in the Narthex. Bring a friend!

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!

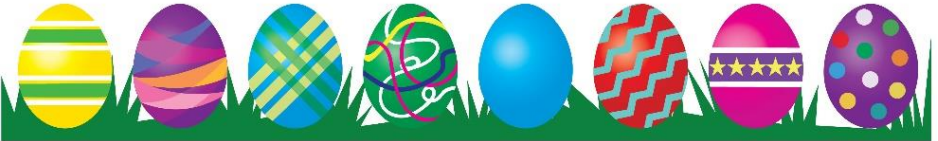


### CARING COMMITTEE NEWS

The Caring Committee will be filling Easter Baskets again for about 20 local families. Food collection is going on now. 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.

#### The following items are requested.

Cereal, Juice, Peanut Butter, Soup, Muffin Mix, Boxed Desserts, Easter Candy, Boxed Potato Mixes, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Canned fruits & vegetables, Egg coloring kits. Cash donation are also helpful to purchase ham, eggs, bread & milk.



### 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:

- 24: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5<sup>th</sup> 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!

## April:

- 7: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 10: 6:30 p.m. Classes for Pk-2<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity (3-5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Confirmation (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) grade.
- 14: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth group at Love' house.

## **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](mailto:mwosinski@icloud.com)

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.



## LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

### **Weekly Wednesday Night Soup Suppers and Lenten Services**

We will 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 Youth Activities on 4/3**

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 Service
7:45-8:15	Cantata Rehearsal
8:15-9:00	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 14**

10:00 AM Service at Faith Lutheran Church

*This service marks the beginning of Holy Week. Be present to discover your own rootedness in the drama which is Christ's passion, a drama that has no audience. As we begin this holiest of weeks, this is a drama in which we are participants. Come and allow the Passion story to embrace you, name you, shape your very being and become your story!*

### **Maundy Thursday Service – April 18**

7:00 PM Service at Faith Lutheran

*Jesus is making his journey to the cross. That journey includes time with the disciples at that upper room meal where Jesus gives us a new commandment and greets us with his very life and blood. Be present in the quiet as the altar is stripped and we follow Jesus' journey to Gethsemane.*

## **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.

*Okemos Community Church: 4734 Okemos Rd, Okemos*

7:00 PM Service at Faith Lutheran Church

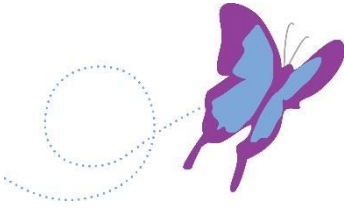
Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church will join us for this service as the combined choirs sing *Once Upon a Tree*, a musical version of Luke's account of Jesus' passion. Join us for this deeply meaningful experience.

## **Easter Service - Sunday, April 21**

10:00 AM Easter Worship

*Come, rejoice with us in worship as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. Our alleluias will again be proclaimed as we share the joy of the Risen Christ.*





## Butterflies For Sale!

**On Sunday, June 16**, we will be releasing live butterflies outside by our Butterfly Garden. Butterflies are the symbol of new life. And, as we

celebrate the Pentecost season and the beginning of summer activities, we will be releasing painted lady butterflies to celebrate God's gift of creation. The Green Team is inviting you to order a butterfly for \$12.00.

Following worship on June 9, you will be given your butterfly to release by our garden. This project is a Green Team fundraiser. A portion of the money earned from these butterfly sales will go to help with the purchase of new windows in our Parish House. Place your butterfly order by using the form below and turn it into the church office. **All orders must be received by Sunday, May 26!**

## Green Team Butterfly Order Form

**Order Deadline: Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Quantity

Total Cost (\$12/each)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church.

Please put "Butterflies" in the memo line.

Place this form in Katie Love's mailbox or the church office.



## 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**
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