

Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for May 12-25

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please lift up in prayer this week:

- ✠ Members—Rita Barry, 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, Harry Nelson, 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

May 12: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Julie Winklepleck and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church of East Lansing, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

May 19: As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Rev. Gary Bunge & Rev. Haley Vay Beaman and the congregation of University Lutheran Church of East Lansing, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 12

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship/Confirmation Sunday/Synod Assembly
 offering

Monday, May 13

- 10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, May 14

- Noon Study in Pastor's office: All are welcome!
7:00 p.m. *What is the Bible* Book Study at O'Brien's home.

Wednesday, May 15

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Study
9:30 a.m. Quilters
5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:45 p.m. Pizza Dinner
6:30 p.m. Book Study
6:30 p.m. Classes for pk-confirmation: VBS Decorating
6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16

- 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Rental

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18

- Noon: Sanctuary Rental

Sunday, May 19

Butterfly orders due

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School-Last Day of Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship/Music Sunday/Noisy Offering
11:30 a.m. Congregational Art Project
6:00 p.m. 8th-12th grade youth group at Ryan & Addie
 Thompson's home
6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

Monday, May 20

9:30 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

Tuesday, May 21

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

7:00 p.m. *What is the Bible* Book Study at O'Brien's home.

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

6:00 p.m. Dinner Church

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LITE! – Something new begins on **Wednesday evening, May 22, at 6:00 PM.** Wednesday Night Live will be suspended until mid-September, but it will be replaced by **Wednesday Night LITE!** We are beginning something totally new for the summer as we gather together on Wednesday evening for **DINNER CHURCH.** We will gather together each Wednesday to share a sacred meal, just as the first followers of Jesus did. Come and join us for a fully prepared meal as we eat together, explore scripture, offer prayers, sing together and experience the Eucharist. This worship experience is rooted in the patterns of the Early Church. If you cannot make it to worship on Sunday morning, come and join us on Wednesday evening!



Thursday, May 23

5:30 p.m. Golf League begins

Friday, May 24

5:45 p.m. Sanctuary Rental

Saturday, May 25

2:00 p.m. Sanctuary Rental

With Many Thanks!

A big Thank You to the members who helped with the yard clean up on May 5th. We had a perfect day for working outside, and got a lot of tree and bush trimming done, plus removing several unsightly bushes on the property. And, the Green Team got started getting the flower and butterfly garden up and running too. Again, thanks to all who helped from the Property Committee.

Ways you can help!



Let's keep our *Tiny Pantry* FULL!
Our tiny pantry in the parking lot is being used quite often. If you happen to see it running low please consider adding some items. Items that go the quickest are ceareal, penut butter, breakfast bars, oatmeal, tissues, toothpaste and laundry detergent. Please contact Katie in the church office with any questions.

60 +/-



60 +/- Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, May 29th 11:30 a.m.

Does your living area feel cluttered? Does that make it hard for you to focus and enjoy the special things in life? Could you use some practical organizing tips? Katie

Love, Faith's own church secretary, will be sharing a presentation of helpful and practical solutions for decluttering and organizing your home or business.

A Signup Sheet will be available in the Narthex in May.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

April 21, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 582.00
Loose Checks	\$ 395.00
Flowers	\$ 55.00
World Hunger	\$ 52.00
Facility Rental	\$ 300.00
Memorials: Carol Towl	\$ 130.00
Pastor: Cont. Ed	\$ 110.00
Book Study	\$ 40.00
Wed Dinner 4/24	
Tanzania Bldg. Fund	\$ 22.00
Butterflies	\$ 12.00
Choral Music	\$ 230.00
Parish House Project	\$ 498.33
MI Refugee Hope	\$ 161.50
General Fund	<u>\$5400.00</u>
Subtotal	\$7987.83

Simply Giving	
General	\$3736.00
Building	<u>\$ 25.00</u>

Total **\$11,748.83**

April 28, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 50.00
Loose Checks	\$ 55.00
World Hunger	\$ 25.00
Capital Repairs	\$ 50.00
Memorials	
Carol Towl	\$ 100.00
General Fund	\$ 970.00
Subtotal	\$1250.00

Simply Giving	
General	\$ 100.00
Building	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Total **\$1350.00**

Year to Date as of 3/31/2019

Income	\$60,631.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$78,067.00</u>
Net	\$ (17,436.00)

May 5, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 71.00
Loose Checks	\$ 5.00
World Hunger	\$ 20.00
Flowers	
Easter	\$ 10.00
Youth 5/1 Dinner	\$ 22.00
Butterflies	\$ 60.00
Building Fund	
Tree Removal	\$ 100.00
General Fund	\$1630.00
Memorials	
Carol Towl	\$ 55.00
Vision 2020	\$ 100.00
Subtotal	\$2073.00

Simply Giving	
General	\$4146.00
Building	\$ 75.00
Total	\$6294.00

Spring Golf League

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**, even if you are not a great golfer. (*Just watch Pastor Ellen!*) 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, due the first night of play. ***If you are only able to come on occasion, we still welcome you, and you can pay only for those nights when you are able to make it. The cost per player for one evening is \$13 per person.*** We play a scramble so you can invite someone to join you. 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.



May:

- 12: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade) Confirmation Sunday
- 15: 6:30-7:30 VBS decorating
- 19: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (PK-5th grade) *Last day of Sunday School* 6:00 p.m. 8th-12th grade youth group at Ryan & Addie Thompson's house.

June:

- 9: Graduation Sunday
- 17-21: High School Missions Week
- 23: 5-7 p.m. Bat House Assembly and VBS decorating
- 24-27: 5:30-8 p.m. VBS
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Grad Sunday

Graduation Sunday is planned for Sunday, June 9th. If your high school or college graduate would like to be recognized please contact Katie in the church office.

klove@faithlutheranokemos.org



Mark your students' calendars!!

High School Missions Week

June 17-21

All exiting 8th-12th graders are invited to our High School Mission Week. We will be partnering with Helping Hands Christian Learning Center in Lansing, MI. June 17-20 we will be leaving faith at 8:30 a.m. and returning around 1:30 p.m. On Friday, June 21st all students who participated during the week are invited to join us for a fun outing. More information coming soon!

Helping Hands Christian Learning Center is an outreach ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church and has been providing care in and around the greater Lansing community for over 23 years. Here we offer love and quality care to God's children. Come in today to see what we have to offer you and your family.

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



TEST OF FAITH Video/Discussion Series – A conversational class for **ADULTS** during the evenings of Vacation Bible School, June 24-27

Have you ever wondered why so many people find faith and science to be at odds? Do you find yourself caught in a divide, distrustful of science or religion or both? For many religious believers, science can seem to threaten God's existence. But this is not the case for many scientists who believe truth can be found both in the cathedral and the lab. Many scientists seek this truth without compromising their science or their beliefs.

They are not afraid to ask questions like:

- Can God survive in the age of the quark and the gluon?
- Is faith now being tested to breaking point?

Join two scientists from our own Faith community, Dr. John McCracken and Dr. Addie Thompson, as they host *Test of Faith*, as series of video/discussions, on the four evenings of Vacation Bible School, June 24-27. Come for the evening meal and then participate in this enlightening class experience. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Two Noisy Offerings in May – We will be taking TWO Noisy Offerings in May. In addition to the regular Noisy Offering on the 3rd Sunday of the month, we will take a **special Noisy Offering on Sunday, May 12. *This offering will be taken as our congregation's offering for Synod Assembly. Synod Assembly takes place May 16-18.*** In addition to Pastor Ellen, our congregation's representatives for this event are Kim O'Brien and Ken Schoepf.

Confirmation Sunday – May 12, Join us as we celebrate the young people in our congregation who will be affirming their faith in Jesus Christ.

Music Sunday– May 19, Join us on this day as we celebrate and give thanks for the ministry of music that happens in and through the people at Faith Lutheran Church. Music is a vital aspect of ministry. On this day we thank those who have given of this time as they minister to us through the gift of music.

Congregational Art Project May 19, this is the last day when you will have the opportunity to participate in our congregational art project. Come and paint with us. Then, a few weeks later, you will see your portion of this work attached to all of the others when it is displayed in the church entry way.



The VBS Decorating Team needs your help! Once again we are in need of adjustable Christmas tree stands to hold up our African Safari trees. If you have some you can loan the church we would appreciate it. Please make sure it is labeled with your name. They can be left in the church office. Questions? Contact Katie or Maddie

New York Times Bestseller

What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library
of Poems, Letters, and
Stories Can Transform
the Way You Think and
Feel About Everything

Rob Bell

New York Times Bestselling Author of *Love Wins*

New Book Study

WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

We are beginning a new book study, using bestselling author, Rob Bell's book, *What Is The Bible?* **This study will begin on Tuesday evening, April 30, at 7:00 PM.** We will gather for this study at Kim O'Brien's home (1144 Bonanza Dr., Okemos).

If you have ever wondered how an ancient library of poems, letters, and stories can transform the way

you think and feel about everything, this book study will provide you with some answers. *What Is The Bible?* provides surprising insights and answers about how the Bible actually works as a source of faith and guidance, showcasing a brand-new way of reading this sacred text. Bell takes us deep into actual passages, revealing not only the humanity behind the scriptures but the revelation that one cannot get to the holy without going through the human. When considering a passage, Bell explains the worst question we can ask of a text ("Why did God...?") and the best question to ask ("Why did people find this important to write down?") to get at how scripture can best guide us today. In asking these questions, Bell goes beyond the one-dimensional questions of "Is it true?" to reveal the Bible's surprisingly transformative power. *What Is The Bible?* recaptures this ancient library's subversive energy and reaffirms its enduring ability to inspire and shape our lives today.

If you wish to join us for this study adventure, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

QUILTERS, SEWERS, ASSEMBLERS and KNOTTERS are NEEDED!!!

WHO? Faith women/men and friends, youth knotters and learners, at home sewers and knotters, community quilters.

WHEN? Going on NOW: Wednesday Mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. (Or by arrangement).

WHERE? Faith Lutheran Church lower level rooms (guided tours anytime by arrangement). Sewing machines are available.

WHAT IS NEEDED? Throughout the year quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief as well as 80x60 quilts for Senior Centers and those in crisis. School & Personal Care kits for Lutheran World Relief are assembled in the Fall. For Samaritas, here in lower Michigan, small quilts are assembled for babies & children in foster care.

WHY? The quilts & kits for Lutheran World Relief are part of the 600,000 quilts and kits distributed across the world. We can help ease suffering for some of the world's poorest and most isolated people. Here in the U.S. the quilts comfort the sick and elderly, children disrupted by poverty and abuse, as well as those who are lonely and feel forsaken. It is what our Lord has given us to do in His name. What an opportunity!

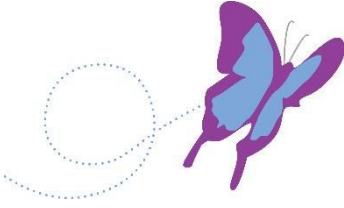
OTHER NEEDS: ***We need fabric!*** Cotton or poly/cotton for tops & backs, prints or solids, polyester filler (to be ordered) cotton yarns for tying layers together (knotting).

Please join this fun, worthwhile activity. No dues, no excuses needed for time off! Just a couple of hours each week and a warm reception by those who are there!

Please call the church office or Marla Holle with any questions.

Church Office: 349-0620

Marla Holle: 349-5265



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 16, 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 26th**

Quantity

Total Cost (\$12/each)

Name: _____

Dedication (if any): _____

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.