



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for August 18-August 31

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NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism/New Member Sunday
 Noisy Offering

Monday, August 19

Tuesday, August 20

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup
10:00 a.m. Large Fellowship Hall rented
Noon Study in Pastor Ellen's office: All are welcome!

Wednesday, August 21

7:30 a.m. Men's Study
9:30 a.m. Quilters
6:00 p.m. Dinner Church

Thursday, August 22

11:00 a.m. Service at Dobie Road
5:30 p.m. Golf League

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

4-7 p.m. Community Picnic

This year we will be **collecting school supplies** and giving out these school supplies to the children who attend the event.

Therefore, to prepare for that event, we will begin asking for donations of school supplies on **July 1**. Plan to join us on August 24 as we again enjoy music provided by *Summer of Sol* and delicious pork barbeque catered by The Watershed Bar & Grill.

Sunday, August 25

10:00 a.m. **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

Come worship with us outdoors at 10:00 a.m.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a morning of worship. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move indoors.



6:00 p.m. **HIGH SCHOOL KICKOFF!!**

Addie, Ryan and Kim are looking forward to an exciting year with the High School youth! We will kick off this year on **Sunday, August 25** at 6pm at Ryan and Addie's house (2045 Belding Court, Okemos) with a parent and teen meeting.

Monday, August 26

Tuesday, August 27

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

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

Wednesday, August 28

9:30 a.m. Quilters

11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Lunch at Old Chicago

6:00 p.m. Dinner Church

Thursday, August 29

5:30 p.m. Golf League

Friday, August 30

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 31

FINANCIAL UPDATE

August 4, 2019

		Year to Date as of 6/30/2019	
Loose Cash	\$ 50.00	Income	\$126,068.00
Loose Checks	\$ 0.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$155,176.00</u>
World Hunger	\$ 50.00	Net	\$ (29868.00)
Flowers	\$ 25.00		
RIC T-Shirts	\$ 144.00		
Lugnuts Tickets	\$ 56.00		
Facility Rental	\$ 50.00		
Capital Repairs	\$ 95.00		
Memorial-Carol Towl	\$ 15.00		
General Fund	<u>\$3270.00</u>		
 Subtotal	 \$3755.00		
 Simply Giving			
General	\$4155.00		
Building	\$ 75.00		
 Total	 \$7,985.00		

August 11, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 54.00
Loose Checks	\$ 125.00
World Hunger	\$ 20.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
Parish House Project	\$ 6725.69
General Fund	<u>\$2870.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 9819.69
 Simply Giving	
General	\$ 100.00
Building	\$ 0.00
 Total	 \$9,919.69

The
Church
Office



Will Be
Closed:

The Church office will be closed Friday,
August 30th and Monday, September 2nd.



RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Sunday School again begins on Sunday morning, September 8, at 9:00 AM. This year we will be using a new curriculum called *Whirl*. *Whirl All Kids* is a curriculum to be used in classrooms with multiple aged students. All kids, preschool through 5th grade will participate in these weekly classroom experiences with Maddie Wosinski leading.

HIGH SCHOOL CAR WASH

The High School youth group is planning a fundraising car wash to raise money for a youth trip this winter on Rally Day, September 8 during worship. Please mark your calendars with these events and enjoy the rest of your summer! We look forward to meeting with all of you soon!

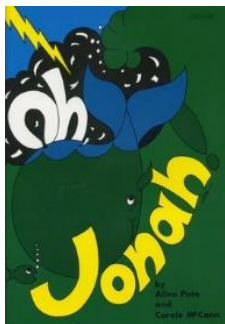


MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 15TH.

Students in grades (grades 6th-8th) will kick off Confirmation/Middle School youth group with a parent/student meeting on Sunday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Faith. Confirmation classes will take place every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. On the last Sunday of the month the students will participate in a middle school youth group events instead of Confirmation class. Please contact Pastor Ellen with any questions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!



Midweek activities will begin again in full on **Wednesday, September 11**. The schedule will be the same, but this year there will be no Trinity. From 6:30 – 7:30 we will be working on an intergenerational musical called **Oh Jonah!** We will then present this musical to the congregation during worship next May.

A frolicking, fun-filled musical based on the Old Testament story of Jonah, this work carries a serious message about responsibility. Diverse in musical styles, it is immediately appealing - especially the whale's song!

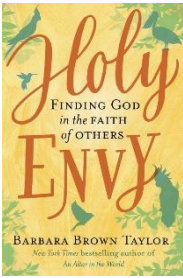
Anyone, children in 1st grade up through adults, is welcome to be part of this musical venture. In addition to cast members, we will need some people to help with set and costumes. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Ellen, Maddie or Deb.

GREEN TEAM VIDEOS - Also, on Wednesday evening, the Green Team will be showing a video almost every week. This video will be shown beginning at 6:30. The schedule of these movies will be posted next month.

The ***Wednesday Night Live schedule*** looks like this:

5:15 - 6:00	Bible Study based on Sunday's readings
5:30 – 6:00	Joyful Noise choir rehearsal
5:45 – 7:00	Meal served
6:30 – 7:30	Intergenerational Musical Rehearsal: <i>Oh Jonah!</i>
6:30 – 7:30	Bell Choir rehearsal
6:30 – 7:30	Movie of interest sponsored by the Green Team
7:30 – 9:00	Chancel Choir

COMING IN SEPTEMBER



Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others

New Tuesday evening five-week Book Study

When: Beginning Sunday morning, September 15, at 9:00 AM

Where: Church Library

In *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, Episcopal priest, theologian, college professor and *New York Times* bestselling author, Barbara Brown

Taylor, recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching the world's religions to undergraduates in rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations.

In *Holy Envy*, Barbara Brown Taylor contemplates the myriad ways other people and faith traditions encounter the Transcendent, both by digging deeper into those traditions herself and by seeing them through her students' eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques.

Troubled and inspired by what she learns, Taylor returns to her own tradition for guidance, finding new meaning in old teachings that have too often been used to exclude religious strangers instead of embracing the divine challenges they present. Re-imagining some central stories from the religion she knows best, she takes heart in how often God chooses outsiders to teach insiders how out-of-bounds God really is.

Throughout *Holy Envy*, Taylor weaves together stories from the classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been complicated and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions—even those whose truths are quite different from hers. The one constant in her odyssey is the sense that God is the one calling her to disown her version of God—a change that ultimately enriches her faith in other human beings and in God.

Pastor Ellen and Kim O'Brien will be leading this study. **If you are interested in joining us for this study, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.**

Join Us For...

God's work.
Our hands.



GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

On **Sunday, September 15, beginning at 1:30 in the afternoon**, we will celebrate God's Work, Our Hands day as Lutherans across the country participate in this effort throughout the month. We will be gathering and doing work for Meridian Parks & Recreation. We do not yet know our assignment for the day. However, plan to join us as we share God's love in the greater community by using our hands for the good of the community. Please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex if you are able to participate.

Faith Lutheran Church Outing to Lansing Ignite Soccer Game

- **Saturday, September 21st**. Gates open at 6:00 p.m., game begins at 7:00 p.m.
- Enjoy an exciting night of soccer with family and friends.



\$18.00 for Section P seats and \$5 for kids/college students.

Special discounts during the game

- Hot dog or hamburger, chips & a drink \$5

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Please contact Melinda Schultz with any questions. Mrsjas305@sbcglobal.net



**FLU SHOT CLINIC FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON
SEPTEMBER 22ND**

Our own Suzanne Phelps, RN will be administering the flu shots.

Flu shot (\$33), senior flu shot (\$50), Pneumonia (\$195)

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

INSURANCE:

We bill the following insurances with flu vaccine coverage:

BCBS (except TEA prefix), BCN, Medicare & Medicare Advantage Plans, HAP(except CIGNA), Priority Health, Physician Health Plan.

Photocopy of Insurance Card will be made.

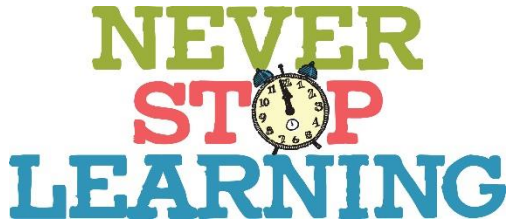
CASH OR CHECK:

Payable to Michigan Community Wellness VNA.

Questions:

Contact the Church Office or Suzanne Phelps (313)587-6732

**TWO EDUCATIONAL
EVENTS
LEARNING WITH IMAM
SOHAIL CHAUDHRY
AND PASTOR ELLEN**



You are invited to participate in two educational events this fall, one at the Islamic Center in East Lansing and the other right here at Faith Lutheran Church.

Friday evening, September 27, from 6:00 – 7:30, at the Islamic Center

The Imam and Pastor Ellen will be sharing time talking about **Peace & Justice** as rooted in our faith traditions. Our community is invited to join members of the Islamic community for this event. Appetizers and coffee will be served.

Sunday, October 13, at 11:30 AM following worship, Luncheon at Faith Lutheran Church

On this day, the Imam and members of the Islamic community will join us for a catered luncheon at Faith Lutheran Church. The Imam and Pastor Ellen will be talking about **Mohammed & The Prophets**. Because this luncheon will be catered, we need to know how many will attend. If you plan to come, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

We invite you to consider participating in these events.



**MOVIE SCREENING AT
STUIDO C – *PARIS TO
PITTSBURGH*
Tuesday evening, October
29, at 7:00 PM**

Faith Lutheran Church, along with several other faith communities, will be sponsoring a screening of the National Geographic movie

Paris to Pittsburgh. This will take place Studio C in Okemos on Tuesday evening, October 29, at 7:00 PM. The Rev. Dr. John Schleicher will host a conversation following the screening.

Paris to Pittsburgh brings to life the incredible actions of individuals, communities, businesses and local governments to combat the threat of climate change in their own backyards. Set against the national debate over the energy future of the U.S., the film captures what's at stake for Americans around the country, and the inspiring ways they're responding. The following faith communities are joining us in sponsoring this event:

The Islamic Center
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Williamston United Methodist Church
Okemos Presbyterian Church
Haslett Community Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church
University Lutheran Church
Grace Lutheran Church

You are invited to save the date and join us for the screening.

COMMUNITY FORUM

Faith Lutheran Church and Samaritas will be co-hosting two relevant educational forums for the greater community. One of these forums will take place on Tuesday evening, October 15, and the other on Thursday evening, October 17, both at 7:00 PM. One will focus on immigration issues and the other will focus on transgender/LGBTQ concerns. The panels for these forums are taking shape and these educational opportunities will be enriching for the greater community. So, save the evenings of October 15 & 17 if you would like to learn more about these issues. **MORE INFORMATION COMING!**

DONATIONS NEEDED

Back to School Breakfast Bags

- Oatmeal
- Cold cereal
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Canned fruit muffin mix
- Juice
- Jelly
- Peanut butter
- Breakfast bars
- Instant breakfast drinks

Community Picnic School Supply Collection

Being handed out August 24th

- Markers
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Lined Paper
- Glue
- Colored Pencils
- Hand Sanitizer
- Pencil Cases
- Kids Scissors
- Etc.

Donate Hygiene Items



Lutheran World Relief
LWR continues to give aid to refuges and persons displaced by natural and human disasters. We are assisting by collecting items for Personal Care Kits and School Kits.

Each Personal Care Kit Contains:

- One Bath Towel -medium weight in a dark color
- One Comb- heavy duty with large teeth
- One Pair of Nail Clippers
- One Toothbrush-adult size
- Two Bars of Soap – bath size, ivory preferred
- One Pair of shoelaces

Each School Kit Contains:

- Four Spiral Notebooks – 70 pages each
- One Ruler- with both inches & centimeters
- Five Pencils- unsharpened with erasers
- Five Ink Pens-blue or black ink
- One Eraser- flat pink
- One Pencil Sharpener
- One Pair of Scissors -with blunt point
- One Box of Crayons- 16 or 24 count

See the display boards and collection bins in the fellowship area during the month of September.

If you have any additions or updates, please contact the church office. klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

- Allen
- Dale Halverson
- Brenda Kopf
- Walter Kopf
- Rita Barry
- Ellen Milne
- Ken Whitmyer
- Sifa Ngasala
- John Joe Lanzetta
- Todd Barriklow
- Carol Coyer
- Loretta Milne
- Scott & Lisa Seeley
- Bob (Brenda Zynda's nephew in hospice)
- Bob Shorman's niece Lyndsey in hospital.
- Diane (Deb Borton's friend who has end stage cancer.)

Those grieving

-Our mission partner congregation

- Lansing Redeemer Church of Lansing

-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 friend.

-Northwest Lower Michigan Synod Prayer Partners

- Rev. David Blank and the congregation of St. Lukes Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, Mi.
- Rev. Robert Linstrom and the congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, Mi.

TRANSITIONAL FOSTER CARE

Can You Help a Central American child waiting to be reunited with family?

Loving homes are needed in Lansing and Ann Arbor for short-term care for children

(5-13 years old) who have come to the US to reunite with family living in the United States! Placements are usually shorter than 90 days, during which time you can offer them a home, care, and support while their parents are located for reunification.

Foster Parents will receive:

- Support from Samaritas staff
- A daily financial stipend
- Training opportunities



Contact Kayla Park at RFCinfo@samaritas.org or
(517)321-7663 to learn more

Informational flyers are available in the Narthex.



We are hiring many positions in Lansing and Ann Arbor for our new program, Transitional Foster Care. The program works with unaccompanied migrant children who have crossed the border on their own looking to be united with a family member already living in the United States. Our team finds the family and unites them with their child. Children primarily speak Spanish and are in our care for 30-45 days. Spanish speaking candidates are preferred, but not required.

We have full and part-time positions available. Education requirements range from high school diploma to master's degree, depending on position. All candidates will need to pass background checks and a drug test. Candidates can email RefugeeJobs@samaritas.org to apply or if they have any questions.

Open Positions:

Resource supervisor

Clinical supervisor

Casework supervisors

Case managers

Case assistants

Team leads

Youth specialists

Therapists

Teachers

Teacher assistants

Office support

How to Apply

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