



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for September 1-September 14

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NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 1

10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, September 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 3

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

No Noon Study

Wednesday, September 4

7:30 a.m. Men's Study

9:30 a.m. Quilters

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

No Dinner Church

Thursday, September 5

5:30 p.m. Golf League

Friday, September 6

Saturday, September 7

Sunday, September 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School begins!!

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.

10:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. High School Car Wash Fundraiser

11:30 a.m. Worship Committee

Monday, September 9

Tuesday, September 10

10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup

No Noon Study

Wednesday, September 11

9:30 a.m. Quilters

Wednesday Night Live Begins

5:15 p.m. Bible Study on Sunday readings

5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:45 p.m. Dinner is served

6:30 p.m. Movie Sponsored by the Green Team.
"From the Ashes"

6:30 p.m. Faith Bells

6:30 p.m. *Oh Jonah!* Musical

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 12

5:30 p.m. Golf League

Friday, September 13

Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 14

FINANCIAL UPDATE

August 18, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 66.00
Loose Checks	\$ 0.00
World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Quilters	\$ 40.00
RIC T-Shirts	\$ 38.00
Facility Rental	\$ 50.00
Capital Repairs	\$ 25.00
Michigan Refuge Hope	\$ 80.75
Parish House Project	\$ 130.75
Facility Rental	\$ 100.00
General Fund	<u>\$2720.00</u>

Subtotal \$3250.50

Simply Giving	
General	\$3745.00
Building	\$ 25.00

Total \$7,020.50

August 25, 2019

Loose Cash	\$ 20.00
Breakfast Bags	\$ 30.00
RIC T Shirts	\$ 92.00
Tent Rental	\$ 100.00
Lugnuts Tickets	\$ 36.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
General Fund	<u>\$ 1600.00</u>
Subtotal	\$ 1903.00

Simply Giving	
General	\$ 75.00
Building	\$ 0.00

Total \$1,978.00

Year to Date as of 6/30/2019

Income	\$126,068.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$155,176.00</u>
Net	\$ (29868.00)

Council did not meet in August.
New Year to Date information will
be available following the 9/16
council meeting.

The
Church
Office



Will Be
Closed:

The Church office will be closed Monday,
September 2nd.



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.

**60 +/- BEGINS A NEW YEAR OF FELLOWSHIP, FUN
INFORMATION AND YES! POTLUCKS!!**

Wednesday, September 25th 11:30 a.m. in the Faith Fellowship Hall: POTLUCK LUNCH

Program: Barbara Mannino from Tri-County Office on Aging will share information about housing, home care, driving issues/transportation services, and many more related subjects. Tri-County represents no businesses, they only seek to educate and provide helpful information. Barbara is an experience Social Worker and will welcome any questions and related concerns. This is a great opportunity to get accurate information from an expert. A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex. Please sign up for a potluck item or to help with set up/clean up. Friends are ALWAYS welcome! For questions or help with rides please contact Marla Holle (517-349-5265) or Katie Love (church office, 349-0620).

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!

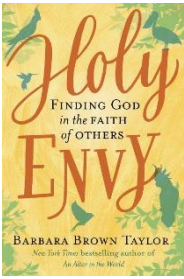
Anyone, children in 1st grade up through adults, is welcome to be part of this musical venture. In addition to cast members, we will need some people to help with set and costumes. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Ellen, Maddie or Deb.

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 Sunday morning 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 signup 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.

PARIS TO PITTSBURGH



Join us for a FREE screening of **Paris to Pittsburgh**, a new documentary film from National Geographic, produced by RadicalMedia in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies -- narrated by Emmy® and Golden Globe® Awardwinning actress and activist Rachel Brosnahan (“The Marvelous Mrs.

Maisel”). This screening will take place at **7:00 PM on Tuesday evening, October 29, at Studio C Theaters in Okemos.**

This film is offered through Interfaith Power and Light. The Okemos screening is being sponsored by the following local faith communities: Williamston United Methodist Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, University Lutheran Church, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran Church, Haslett Community Church, Okemos Presbyterian, The Islamic Center in East Lansing, and Faith Lutheran Church in Okemos.

From coastal cities to America’s heartland, Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. And as the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they aren’t waiting on Washington to act. Learn about their incredible stories in **Paris to Pittsburgh**, and be inspired to create change in your own community!

Join us at Studio C in Okemos on Tuesday evening, October 29, at 7:00 PM. Following the screening, the Rev. Dr. John Schleicher, President of Michigan Interfaith Power and Light, will host a conversation about the movie.

Faith Lutheran Church and Samaritas join forces to sponsor two Community Forums!

On **Tuesday evening, October 15, at 7:00 PM**, Faith Lutheran and Samaritas will host a **Community Forum focused on IMMIGRATION**. Featured panelists on this forum include: Andrew Lorenzen-Strait, the Director of Children and Family Services at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services; Melanie Jones, Staff Attorney with Michigan Immigrant Rights Center; Amy Maldonado, Lansing area Immigration Attorney; and Farah Khalil, local refugee advocate.

Then, on **Thursday evening, October 17, at 7:00 PM**, Faith Lutheran and Samaritas will host a Community Forum focusing on issues transgender youth face. **This forum, to learn about TRANSGENDER, LGBTQ+ ISSUES**, will feature the following panelists in discussion: Andrew Lorenzen-Strait, the Director of Children and Family Services at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services; Melanie Jones, Staff Attorney with Michigan Immigrant Rights Center; Jay Kaplan, Staff Attorney for the ACLU of Michigan's LGBT Project; the Rev. Phiwa Langeni, Pastor of Salus Center, UCC; and Heidi Schaeztl, local school teacher. Courtney Isanhart, MSW, will moderate this event. This event also coincides with the opening of a Samaritas house for transgender refugee youth.

Notice that Andrew Lorenzen-Strait will be a panelist in both community forums. Before taking the job at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, he was a career government employee working as an ICE Agent. His background is extensive, and he brings a wealth of information to the topics of discussion at both forums. He will be coming from Baltimore to participate in these events and we are very fortunate to benefit from his presence to us. *(Copies of his biography are in the Narthex)* Come and invite friends to join you in attendance at these

Donate Hygiene Items



Lutheran World Relief

LWR continues to give aid to refugees 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
- Alisyn & Devin
- Rita Barry
- Ellen Milne
- Ken Whitmyer
- Sifa Ngasala
- Megan Marquez (Marilyn Hogan's daughter)
- 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

- The supply Pastors and the congregation of St. John Lutheran Church of Grayling, Mi.
- Rev. Betsy Kamphuis and the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church of Greenville, 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.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019
LANSING, MICHIGAN

REAL ADVOCACY FOR REFUGEES

Featuring:

Susan Krehbiel, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Stephanie Nawyn, MSU Faculty

The All Faith Alliance for Refugees (AFAR)

GREATER LANSING REFUGEE SUMMIT:
Expanding Welcome & Advocacy
SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 | 9:30AM-4:00PM

Lansing First Presbyterian Church
510 W. Ottawa

A 2019 Peace Quest event | peacequestgreaterlansing.org