



Faith Friends & Family Announcements and News for October 13-October 26

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NEXT TWO WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 13

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Envy Book Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism/First Communion
- 11:30 a.m. Catered Lunch with Islamic Center
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, October 14

Tuesday, October 15

- 10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup
- 12:00 p.m. Study in Pastor Ellen's office
- 7:00 p.m. Community Forum on Immigration

Wednesday, October 16

- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Soup & Study
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 17

- 7:00 p.m. Community Forum to learn about transgender, LGBTQ+ issues

Friday, October 18

Quarterly Committee Reports due to klove@faithlutheranokemos.org

Saturday, October 19

Sunday, October 20

- 9:00 a.m. Holy Envy Book Study
- 9:00 a.m. Caring Committee Card Making
- 10:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism/Noisy Offering
- 11:30 a.m. Large Fellowship Hall Rental
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Monday, October 21

Tuesday, October 22

- 10:00 a.m. Meridian Township Playgroup
- 12:00 p.m. Study in Pastor Ellen's office

Wednesday, October 23

- Large Fellowship Hall Facility Rental
- 9:30 a.m. Quilters
- 11:30 a.m. 60 +/- Meeting at Faith
- 4:00 p.m. Soup & Study
- 6:00 p.m. Caring Committee Card Making
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Bells
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 24

- Facility Rental
- 11:00 a.m. Dobie Road Service

Friday, October 25

- 6:00 p.m. Beer & Hymns at Harold Sollenberger's home
4105 Naubinway, Okemos

Saturday, October 26

The Caring Committee at Faith has started a Meal Ministry to those in need. If you know someone who just had a baby, or someone who had surgery or were hospitalized and could use a meal please contact either Pastor or Katie Love or Pam Williams 517-927-7703 or Lois Neves. 517-331-2057



FINANCIAL UPDATE

September 29, 2019

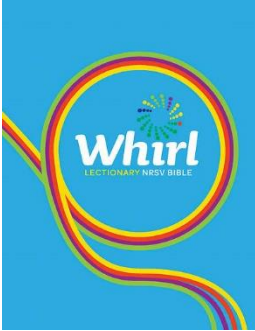
		Year to Date as of 8/30/2019	
Loose Cash	\$ 65.00	Income	\$180,444
Loose Checks	\$ 200.00	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$203,919</u>
World Hunger	\$ 10.00	Net	\$ (23,475)
Flowers	\$ 25.00		
Caring Committee	\$ 50.00		
Capital Repairs	\$ 100.00		
General Fund	\$6,045.00		
Subtotal	\$6,495.00		
Simply Giving			
General	\$		
Building	\$		
Total	\$6,495.00		

SPIRITUAL MILESTONES



3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, October 29th the 3rd graders at Faith will be presented a Whirl Study Bible. If you have a 3rd grader we look forward to celebrating with your family during worship.

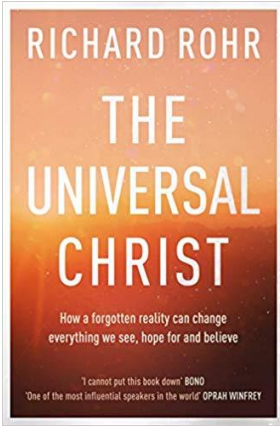


BEER & HYMNS



The next Beer & Hymns will be held at Harold Sollenberger's home on Friday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m.

4105 Naubinway, Okemos

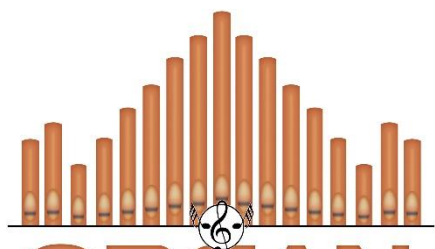


NEW BOOK STUDY BEGINS OCTOBER 27

Beginning on Sunday morning, October 27, Pastor Ellen and Harold Sollenberger will lead a 9:00 AM study on Richard Rohr's new book, *The Universal Christ*. Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. "God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus'

life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God – except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us and in everyone we meet.

You are invited to join Harold and Pastor Ellen as they lead this Sunday morning study. If you wish to be part of this experience, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



ORGAN DEDICATION

On November 24th at 3:00 there will be an organ concert dedicating the new pipes and other enhancements to our pipe organ. These additions to our organ are a gift in memory of Lois Sollenberger and Carol Towl. Various organ works will be performed by Bruce, Kathy Richardson and Pastor Ellen. The concert will also be a benefit to raise funds for to send to Tula Ngasala's parents' church in Tanzania. That congregation will be using this money to purchase hymnals and Bibles for their mission work in Tanzania. We invite you to join us as we not only remember Lois and Carol, but also celebrate the music of the church.

ORGAN DEDICATION RECITAL

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

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

- Allen
- Phyllis Shorman
- Marilyn Hogan
- Dale Halverson
- Brenda Kopf
- Walter Kopf
- Alisyn & Devin
- Jeanne Hicks
- Todd Holle
- Rita Barry
- Ellen Milne
- Ken Whitmyer
- Sifa Ngasala
- Megan Marquez (Marilyn Hogan's daughter)
- Todd
- 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.)

-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. Clay Bates and the congregation of Peace Lutheran Church of Holland, Mi.
- Rev. Paul Krupinski and the congregation of Bread of Life Lutheran Church of Hudsonville, Mi.