

Faith Family News

From the Pastor's Pen...

I would like to encourage each of you to take time during these summer months to reflect upon the gifts you have received in baptism and the way these gifts empower you to live as a disciple of Jesus, the Christ.

For Christians, baptism is something God does in our lives, it is an experience that is life-giving as God daily bathes us in unending mercy, grace, and unconditional love. Baptism is about God's ongoing action in our lives through water and Word. Baptism gives us a new identity as we learn God loves us unconditionally, accepts us as we are and makes us God's very own. Baptism is about living into this new baptismal identity and it is an experience that shapes our vocation as Christians.

Baptism and our Christian vocation are inextricably linked together. One cannot exist without the other. We have been changed and this new vocation and commitment call us to work for justice and peace in our communities, in our country and around the globe. Through baptism God calls us to live **God's** restorative justice and love in the world and proclaim the coming reign of God.

The first and second Sundays in June bring us respectively to the place where we as a church celebrate the Festival of Pentecost and the Feast of the Holy Trinity. As we begin worship on June 5, we enter the season of Pentecost which is the longest season of the church year. The Festival of Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter Sunday and the season itself extends to the season of Advent. And, whereas the other seasons of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter) emphasize some aspect of the life of Jesus, Pentecost emphasizes the life of the **Spirit-infused church. The Pentecost season is all about disciples in action!** Pentecost is a wonderful time to reflect upon our baptisms and remember the Holy Spirit is **still** at work, calling, gathering, and empowering us to **grow** in discipleship. When a baptized Christian affirms his/her/their faith, the person is asked, **"Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?"**



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Serving Faith

LAY ASSISTANTS

June 5	Randy Royalty
June 12	Rich Weingartner
June 19	Harold Sollenberger
June 26	Ken Schoepf
July 3	Kim O'Brien
July 10	Paul Hereza
July 17	Rich Weingartner
July 24	Mike Eschelbach
July 31	Bob Nelson

READERS

June 5	Jamie Royalty
June 12	Warren Heilman
June 19	Elaine Harrison
June 26	Megan Nyquist
July 3	Harold Sollenberger
July 10	Jon Harrison
July 17	Alexa Warwick
July 24	John McCracken
July 31	Warren Heilman

USHERS

June 5	Kadrofske
June 12	Kopf
June 19	McCracken/Milne
June 26	Harrison
July 3	Heilman
July 10	Hirt
July 17	Kopf
July 24	McCracken/Milne
July 31	Harrison

Are you interested in being apart of the volunteer team at Faith? We have openings for ushers, readers, lay assistants, Sunday School teachers and altar care. Watch for blank spaces on schedules on the Volunteers board or contact the volunteer coordinators.

Lay Assistants/Readers: Diane Hill: hillmaxd6@gmail.com

Ushers: Ken Schoepf: kjschoepf@yahoo.com

Altar Care: Elaine Harrison: jon.harrison@comcast.net

Sunday School: Pam Williams: pwilliams@faithlutheranokemos.org

These are the five God-given gifts of discipleship we have been given in baptism. And, the season of Pentecost invites us to think about these God-given gifts. This season of discipleship invites us to think about the ways in which these gifts overlap and are intertwined as one gift flows into another and into faithful living.

As we continue to journey together as people of Faith, be open to where the Holy Spirit is breathing **new life** into **your** life and pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire us to nurture both our inward and outward gifts of discipleship.

Pastor Ellen

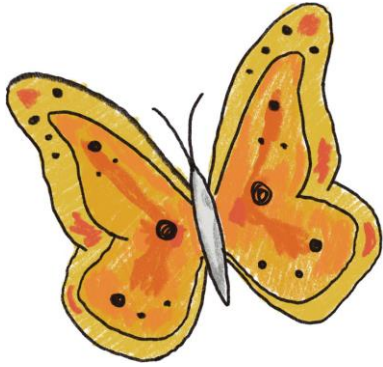
In Person Worship begins at 10:00 A.M. on each Sunday

The Worship service will also be live streamed on the Faith Facebook page for those who would prefer to watch online.

<https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranokemos>

Mask wearing is highly recommended for all indoor events at Faith Lutheran.

WORSHIP
with us



Following worship on June 12th, you will be given a butterfly (if ordered) to release by our garden. This project is a Green Team fundraiser. Place your butterfly order by using the form available in the Narthex or by emailing Katie.

Green Team - Solar Project

At the next congregational meeting, July 31, we are planning on having Rob Rafson from Chart House Energy show a presentation on a solar project for Faith. He has already presented the project to the council, and the proposal was well received. Prior to the congregational meeting, we are also going to hold an informational meeting for those interested on Sunday, July 24, following worship. Later in June, we will also be sending you a Fact Sheet regarding this project. We are very excited about this opportunity.



Property Committee News

The painting of the eaves and soffits is scheduled for June.

We hope to re-roof the sanctuary and main entrance portions of the building this Fall. Our fundraiser is set for Saturday, August 20. The cost is about \$36,000. In the meantime, contributions can be made to the fund that has been set for the project.

Thanks to all who helped with the yard cleanup on May 15. Your help in keeping our grounds attractive are appreciated.



Fundraising Event for Church Roof – August 20! Plan now to be present and participate.....

Our ***Raise the Roof Fundraiser*** will now be taking place on Saturday, August 20. This will include a Silent Auction as well as an evening of music. Silent Auction items will be on display for at least two weeks before the event so people can bid on them. The music portion of the event will be offered online as we did last year, but it will also be in-person for any who wish to be present. ***If you have any items you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please speak to Pastor Ellen or contact Katie Love.*** We would love to receive your donations.



Living Water Ministries

Faith Formation, Service, Leadership, and Community

Living Water Ministries is the Youth Ministry organization of the ELCA in our state. Living Water Ministries is based at Stony Lake Camp in New Era. It is a safe place for all of God's children to experience intentional community centered in Christ where they are formed in their faith, developed as leaders, and equipped as servants of the gospel. This approach has world-changing implications as participants experience the love of Christ in each member of the community and return home to share that same love with others.

This year, Living Water Ministries is offering a week of camp experience, free to all kids and youth in our Synod. If you are interested in having your child/youth participate, please speak to Pam Williams.

On Sunday, June 12, C.J. Clark, Director of Living Water Ministries, will join us for worship and he will be our Guest Preacher. Plan to be present and hear about this important work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a fun year at Sunday School! We ended the year with lessons on building our faith on the rock that is Jesus. The last Sunday of our regular class time, the older students performed a skit demonstrating what happens if we build our house on solid ground versus if we build it on shifting sand. They did a great job, and the younger students enjoyed the performance!

Then, on May 22, we had a special event with the students rotating through stations, learning about care of God's creation. They have been collecting money to buy a pig through Heifer International, and on that Sunday, we focused on goats, chickens, and butterflies. Natalie Dingledine came and gave the students a lesson on creating a butterfly garden, along with seeds to plant, and talked with them about endangered butterflies. Miss Penelope, a very friendly chicken, also came and the students were able to hold her and learn about the benefits of raising chickens.

We could not have provided the programs we did without the help of so many teachers. A big thank you to Megan Nyquist, Ryan and Liz Edberg, Maude Lewis, Adelle Dingledine, Connie Nelson, Brenda Kopf, Lori Webb, Heidi Bowers, Jennifer Coe and Alexa Warwick. Thank you all for your support!

Pam Williams and Jamie Royalty



Stony Lake Lutheran Camp is a camp offered for children who have completed first grade all the way to high school. It is FREE this year for everyone! While you can sign your child up for any week that works for you, I want you to know that Pam Williams, Youth Director, will be attending camp the week of June 19th-24th. I want to be there as reassurance for parents and children and to be able to spend some time getting to know your child in a fun yet spiritual setting. Please let Pam know if you have any questions. The website for information and to sign up is below: <https://elcalivingwater.com/parentinformation/>

Vacation Bible School

August 1-5th from 9:00 to Noon
“WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?”



We will be learning about others using the following themes and countries:

Day 1

“God Loves Us” Malawi

Day 2

“Let Your Light Shine” Colombia

Day 3

“No Fear” Rwanda

Day 4

“God Loves Everyone” United States

Day 5

“Building God’s Neighborhood” Central African Republic and Japan

For Ages 4-5th Grade (going into 6th)

Sign up Below

<https://bit.ly/VBS2022Neighbor>



Congratulations to our students who were confirmed on Sunday, May 1st, 2022.
Each student picked a Bible verse as part of their confirmation.

- Austin Jones:** Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
Kaden Steinke: Luke 6:37: "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."
Paige Lewis: Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Volunteer Opportunities-- Youth Grades 6th grade and up!

July 16 -- Volunteering at the Love Clothing Center in Lansing from noon to 2:30. We will be helping them prepare for the new fall clothing season in which they clothe school aged children.

**Afterwards I like to treat myself to Dairy Queen which is close by. If you are around I hope you can make it.

July 24th and 31st --After church please stay and help set up for VBS - all ages are welcome to help!

Early August - Be on the lookout for a volunteer opportunity to help our church community and have fun at the same time.



Our Graduates



Celebrating Our Graduates

Owen Bernard Kadrofske is graduating from Okemos High School. He has been a member of Faith Lutheran Church since moving from Cleveland, Ohio to Okemos when he was two years old. When he was young, Owen was actively involved in Sunday School and VBS, both as a participant and as a helper. He also attended the ELCA National Youth Gathering in

Houston in the summer of 2018. Owen has played the alto saxophone since 6th grade and participated in band throughout middle and high school. He has also been a top distance runner for Okemos in both cross country and track. Next year Owen will be attending Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut where he is planning to major in Neuroscience.



Adelle Dingledine, Haslett HS, is a life-long Faith Lutheran member who has been active in the youth group, community volunteering, and assisting with the Sunday School program. She will be attending MSU in the fall studying Marketing.

Viktor Lewis is graduating from Okemos High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society. During his four years, he played trombone in the band and was a section leader for marching season. He was also on the swim and water polo teams, serving as a captain during his senior year. This fall he will be heading to the University of Michigan to study mechanical engineering.



Griffin Ransom is graduating from Williamston High School. He has decided to take a gap year and spend time figuring out what he really wants to do.



Walter Lewis graduated *cum laude* from Miami University of Ohio with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He will be moving to the Washington, D.C., area to begin a position as a software engineer at Capital One.

Alexis Hereza graduated from Alma College. She is working Orthopedic Rehab Specialists for a year while applying to grad school for physical therapy.



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Josh Nussdorfer graduated from University of Michigan with a degree in chemical engineering. He is beginning his career heading to Northern California to work for Tesla.

Congratulations to more graduates!

Brenna Seeley: Okemos High School

Atu Ngasala: Okemos High School

Prayers

We pray for those in military service who are connected to our community: Lani Yearicks, Jon Schoepf, Landon Belanger, Melody and Adam Wright, Tracy Tuthill and Jae Moore, Joe Galvin, Coleman Curry, and Hannah Cunningham.

We pray for Krista, Krissa & Derek, LeVine Bennet, Lee Gerard, Chip, Mabel Anglin, Emily, Robert McCracken, Mary, Gail & Lowell Barricklow, Rosie Brown, Shannon Stobel, Joy Coster, Carrie Christopher, Debra Vorce, Dorothy, Sarah Delaney-Tuinstra, Heather, Marla Holle, Scott Seeley, Virginia Taschner, Marilyn Hogan, Ellen Milne, Ken Milne, Bill Williams, Todd Barriklow, Dirk Curry, Ben Cowin, Kenley, Allyson, Brenda Kopf, and Dale Halverson. We hold in prayer the ministry of Loaves and Fishes and we pray for all the Samaritas children who seek adoption.



In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Embracing the Sacredness of Creation

Webinar: June 21, 2022

Energy stewardship is one way faith communities can put faith into action, support the interconnected web of life, and free up funds for their vital ministries. Please join the North/West Lower Michigan Synod's Environmental Stewardship Task Force and Michigan Interfaith Power & Light for a webinar to learn about ways your faith community can save energy and money, and take further inspired steps to foster healing for our beloved common home. This webinar will be held on June 21, 2022 from 8-9pm ET. [Learn More and Register.](#)



MICHIGAN REFUGEE HOPE RECEIVES A MISSION GRANT FROM THE ELCA DEACONESS COMMUNITY

Pastor Ellen recently sent in a grant proposal to the ELCA Deaconess Community, applying for a Mission Grant to help support Michigan Refugee Hope. Here is the letter we recently received in response:

Blessings as you step into this day!

Celebrating the ministry and impact of Michigan Refugee Hope, it is a joy to share the Deaconess Community of the ELCA has approved a new grant for your ministry. This year, we are grateful we can meet your request and provide additional funding as we send a grant of \$8,000 the first week of June.

With the grant distribution, we will send a formal letter, but in our excitement, we wanted to share this news with you now.

We are celebrating this partnership and the gift of what more we can do together!

*Peace,
Sister Noreen*

MRH is grateful for such generosity as we continue to do the work of caring for refugee youth and supporting the Faith Lutheran Parish House Refugee Project.

MICHIGAN REFUGEE HOPE ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

It is time to mark your calendars for this event and plan to participate. The MRH Golf Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, September 3, at Wheatfield Valley Golf Club in Williamston. Check-in will begin at 8:30 AM, and the shot gun start will begin at 9:30 AM.

If you would like to be a Hole Sponsor for this event, your name would be listed at one of the 18 holes. Hole Sponsorships are as follows:

- Gold Sponsor \$500 (includes the fee for a team of 4 golfers)
- Silver Sponsor \$350 (includes the fee for a team of 2 golfers)
- Hole Sponsor \$150 (includes the fee for 1 golfer)



Sign up using this link

<https://bit.ly/2022MRHGolfOuting>

Let's go to a baseball game! The Lansing Lugnuts' Faith and Family Night will be Friday, August 19. Join fellow Faith members and friends for a fun night of baseball. Tickets are \$11 each. Give (or send) payment for your desired tickets to Mike Eschelbach by July 17. It's always nicer with a larger group! eschelbachm@gmail.com



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ON YOUR
MOBILE DEVICE!

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iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



The Church directory at Faith is online! Information is here to log into the directory. You must have a listing in the directory to view it. If you would like to be listed, please contact Katie in the church office. If you would like a hard copy printed for you, please contact Katie.



In Honor of Pride Month and as we celebrate our RIC Identity, we will hang multi-colored peace cranes over the door to the Sanctuary. These cranes were made by the Confirmation Class.



Free Little
Pantry

If you are interested in helping with the Little Food Pantry, please contact Cecelia Kramer, 517-349-3297. Thank you.

We take an offering for the Food Pantry on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

Current Critical Needs: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, dish soap, laundry soap pods, body soap, personal care products.

MEIJER GIFT CARDS NEEDED!

We now have two young men living in our Parish House. Not all of them have been able to receive work permits, so we continue to help provide their allowance. One way we do this is through Meijer Gift Cards. If you wish to supply a few gift cards for these young men, please bring them to worship or ask Katie or Pastor Ellen when you might drop them off at church.



NEIGHBORLY
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join us for **wear orange**

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A community gathering to honor victims and survivors of gun violence. Join with Greater Lansing Area Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, Mikey 23 Foundation, People Ready Activating Youth, Nation Outside, Healing Hearts Project, Voices of Color, and citizens across the greater Lansing Area to commit to an end to gun violence in our community.

when

Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

where

Everett High School Football Field
3900 Stabler Street, Lansing 489810

rsvp



Snap the QR code, text ORANGE to 644-33 or
email:lansingmomsdemandaction@gmail.com

we can
**end gun
violence**



June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Deadline: Butterfly Orders 10:00am Worship Service	30	31 12:00pm Noon Bible Study	1 9:30am Quilting and ACTION	2 7:00pm Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group	3 6:00pm Sanctuary Rental	4 1:00pm Sanctuary Rental
5 Graduation Sunday 10:00am Worship Service	6 6:30pm Green Team Meeting at Faith	7 12:00pm Noon Bible Study	8 9:30am Quilting and ACTION	9	10	11 3:00pm Sanctuary Rental
12 C.J. Clark from Living Water Min. Pantry Noisy Offering 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Butterfly Release	13	14 12:00pm Noon Bible Study	15 9:30am Quilting and ACTION	16	17	18
19 10:00am Worship Service	20 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	21 12:00pm Noon Bible Study	22 9:30am Quilting and ACTION	23	24	25
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July 2022

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17 Last Day to order Lugnuts Tickets 10:00am Worship Service	18	19 12:00pm Noon Bible Study	20 9:30am Quilting and ACTION	21	22	23
24 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Informational Solar Meeting 11:30am Set up for VBS	25	26 12:00pm Noon Bible Study	27 9:30am Quilting and ACTION	28	29	30
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