

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD FEBRUARY 15, 2026 10:00 AM

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WELCOME STATEMENT

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as God’s beloved child, “for in Christ Jesus... [we] are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26). No matter your age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, neurodivergent status, faith background, political leanings, or mental, intellectual or physical ability – you are welcomed here just as you are. In this church, we commit to pursue gender and racial equity in all that we do, and to support one another as chosen family, being parents and siblings for each other regardless of who we have as biological family (Mark 3:31-35). For we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide as we strive to serve our world.

For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service. Our nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use it, but please do not leave your children unattended.

PRELUDE

“Immortal, Invisible”

Faith Bells

arr. Alton R. Kindred

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

All: Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**All: you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

All: Amen

Pastor: The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (ELW 834)



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Kyrie (ELW 157)

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Asst: Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD’s anointed?**

³ “Let us break their yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

⁴ **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them,
and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶ **“As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

¹⁰ **And now, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON



Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Halle, Hallelujah (WOV 722)

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly

there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Megan Floyd

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come to the Mountain (WP 32)



1 Je - sus took Pet - er, James, and John
 2 "This is my Son!" said a voice from the cloud.
 3 We will be changed like Je - sus our Lord,



up to the moun - tain to be a - lone.
 "Lis - ten to him and do what he says!"
 and live with him in heav - en a - bove.



While they were watch - ing Je - sus was changed;
 Soon as it came that vis - ion was gone,
 But while we live on this earth - ly home,

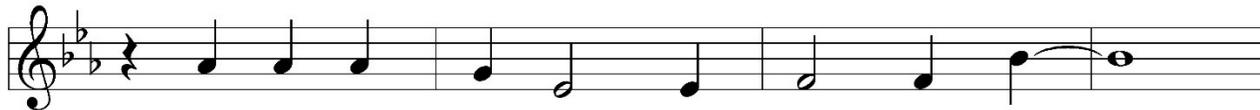


and they saw Mo - ses face to face.
 and they saw Je - sus stand - ing a - lone.
 our work as ser - vants nev - er is done.

Refrain



Come to the moun - tain to see the light.



Come to the moun - tain to hear God's word.



Go to the val - ley, it is your home.



Go to the val - ley to serve the Lord.

APOSTLES CREED

Pastor: Joining the saints from every time and place, let us confess our faith.

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose
again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Through Our Lives and Our Prayers

gently

Through our lives and by our prayers,
your King - dom come.

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The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system is marked 'gently' and contains the lyrics 'Through our lives and by our prayers,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'your King - dom come.' and is marked with a '3' above the treble staff, indicating a triplet. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Asst: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. *A brief silence.*

...Merciful God,

All: Receive our prayer.

Pastor: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

All: Amen.

Repeat "Through Our Lives and Our Prayers."

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The assembly may be seated.

OFFERING

"Heavenly Sunlight"

arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

LITURGICAL HAND WASHING

Pastor and assisting ministers sanitize and wash their hands.

"I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds." – Psalm 26:6

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING RESPONSE: Shine, Jesus Shine (ELW 671)

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!



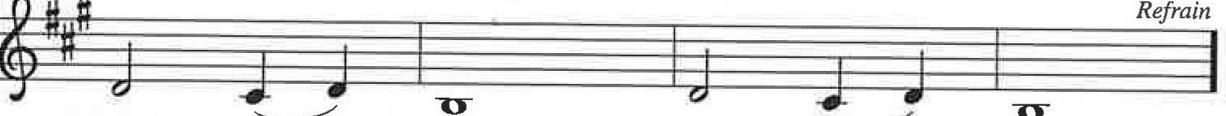
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free, by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
Shine on me, shine on me:

OFFERING PRAYER

Asst: God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: You are Holy (ELW 525)



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Praying now in whatever language or translation is the language of your
heart, we pray as children of God:

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kin[g]dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of
trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin[g]dom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

The assembly may be seated.

*All are invited to come to the table to receive what the Lord offers. If,
however, you would prefer not to receive communion, you may still come to
the table for a blessing.*

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request when you come to receive communion at the altar rail.

Our trays have wine (darker liquid) in the outer part of the tray, and grape juice (lighter liquid) in the center. Please choose whichever you prefer. Drop your empty cup in one of the baskets on the stands.

If it would be easier for you to have communion brought to you, please let an usher know and we will be happy to serve you at your seat.

If you have any further questions, please ask an usher.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG: Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Asst: Radiant God,
 we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
 In the sacrament of his body and blood
 you have drawn us to your heart.
 Send us from this table with delight,
 that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
 and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: May the triune God,
 who has put a new song in your mouth
 and tuned your heart for praise
 ✝ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG: I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

DISMISSAL

Asst: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly may be seated.

POSTLUDE

‘Shine, Jesus, Shine’

arr. Jerry Ray

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, February 15

Worship Service @10am: **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Monday, February 16

Scouts @7pm in Sunday School/Room

Tuesday, February 17

Bible Study @12pm in Library and on Zoom

Wednesday, February 18

Quilters @9:30am

FLC Staff Meeting @10:15am

Lunch Bunch @11:45am in Fellowship Hall

Girl Scouts @5:30pm in Sunday School/Youth Room

Ash Wednesday Service @7pm

Saturday, February 21

Private Rental @12:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 22

Worship Service @10am: **First Sunday in Lent**

H.S. Youth Group @5:45 pm at Hawk Island County Park

FAITH VOLUNTEERS

February 15

Greeter(s): Doug and Linda Hirt
Usher(s): Gretchen & Shawn Paige
Coffee Hour: Hereza Family
Counters: Linda Hirt/Ramona Backman
Noisy Offering: N/A
Acolyte: Tabitha Richardson
Reader: Kara Floyd
Lay Assistant: Mike Eschelbach
Altar Care: Rich Weingartner

February 18 (Ash Wednesday)

Greeter(s): Ellen Holste/Todd Robinson
Usher(s): Bill Floyd
Coffee Hour: N/A
Counters: N/A
Noisy Offering: N/A
Acolyte: Edison Robinson
Reader: Kathy Richardson
Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner
Altar Care: Brenda Kopf



We invite you to hold these people in your prayers each day this week.

We pray for all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and overall health and wellness, especially **Joe**, Barb, Sue, Troy, Krista, Eric, Beth, Logan, Garrett, Melinda, Rick, Kathy, Grace, and Marj.

We pray for all those in military service, especially those connected to our community: Alex, Braxton, Joey, Jon, Landon, Hannah, Joe, Reuben, Lane, and Aiden.

We pray for the larger church, especially Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas, our synod prayer partner Hope St. John's in Oscoda, their pastors, and our companion synods in Papua New Guinea and Honduras.

****New additions to our prayers are listed in bold; names will remain on the printed list for six weeks. Please contact the church office or Pastor Megan to add or reinstate names to the prayer list.***

Prayer Partners Letter

We are participating in this activity and would love you to add your signature. The letter is located on the table under the bulletin board entitled "Prayer Partners."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February and March Noisy Offering

The synod Honduras Team is planning their April trip to Honduras to visit with members of the Lutheran Church of Honduras (ICLH). We eat together, talk, with each other (phone apps help with the language), learn together, and most importantly, worship together. It is a busy week filled with friendship, and laughter, that results in faith and hope for all of us.

As partners with our Honduran companions, we support the Health for Life ministry. This project promotes healthy living by educating health volunteers and increasing access to life's basic needs. We do many things during the week. We visit communities where we make home visits. We join a meeting of an HIV/Aids support group, and we host a workshop where we teach the health volunteers new skills. The volunteers then use these new skills to help their neighbors. For this trip, ICLH requested a workshop on basic first aid skills. They have many new volunteers who have not received training in simple but necessary treatments. To support this goal, they have also requested first aid supplies such as sterile gauze, elastic and adhesive bandages, blunt-tipped scissors, thermometers, burn and antibiotic ointments, latex or nitrile gloves, tweezers, and medical tape.

You can still join the team travelling April 20-28th, but please contact Pastor Megan Crouch at gaylordpeace@gmail.com immediately for information.

Youth Snow Tubing

Faith and ULC are taking the middle and high school youth snow tubing at Hawk Island! Sunday, February 22nd, from 5:45 - 7:45 PM. Sign up with Pastor Megan through the SignUp Genius link in the QR code (or through the weekly enews). Reach out if you have questions. Friends are welcome to join, but they must sign up as well. Tickets are limited, so don't wait!!



Benefit Concert for LINCS Solar Project

Our very own Bruce Williams is putting on a concert with his group, "The Trio" on **February 15th at 2pm at The Peoples Church**. All donations collected during the concert will help fund rooftop solar for the LINCS (Lansing Intentional Communities, which is a home for young adults with autism) home at 116 Ferguson Street. There is a flyer in the narthex with more information!