



What's Happening at HOME?

We offer many opportunities within our community to join together for enrichment, fellowship, exercise, serving, prayer & devotion, field trips, art, music and much more.

This publication is what is currently planned for the 2016-17 school year.

Think of it like a buffet to choose from! No need to get overwhelmed with too much activity. Pick the best options for your family!

Please visit www.flchomegroup.com for full details on all that we offer at HOME.

The HOME website is best tool to stay in the know - updated weekly.

Event updates, cancellations and editions will be posted to the Events Calendar online.

MOM's Community Night – 1st Tuesday of the Month @ 7:00pm

Panera Bread on Van Dyke just south of 16 Mile Road

Homeschool moms gather to celebrate successes, get Christian advice for challenges, and to pray for each other. Drop-in; no registration necessary. Check Faith H.O.M.E. Facebook the day of the event for updates and to know who is attending. Details found under the "HOME MOM" tab.

Gleaners Food Bank – 2nd Thursday of the Month from 9:30-1:30am

Warren Location on Mound

This is a great service opportunity for families to help our community feed those who need assistance. Join together with homeschoolers from Macomb and Oakland Counties to team up and work in the Gleaners warehouse. Most projects consist of packing food to be delivered to public schools for their Friday backpack programs or boxes to families in need. Details found under the "HOME Outreach" tab, or contact Beth Helmer at snoopyhelmer@att.net.

Gymnastics – 3rd Thursday of the Month from 1:00-3:00pm

Total Sports Fitness in Warren

Open gym time including gymnastic equipment, basketball court, foam pits, large mats and many trampolines. Drop-in; no registration necessary. Admission is \$5/person - \$20/family maximum – walking & older pays admission. Details found under the "HOME Gymnastics" tab.

Christian Art for Kids – 2nd Friday of the Month (3rd Friday in February) from 1-4:30pm

Faith Lutheran Church – Room 19

Instructor, Don West, teaches young artists how to increase their drawing skills and dedicate their work to honor and glorify God. He has a vision to serve and offers the highest standard of service to the body of Christ at affordable prices. Drop-in; no preregistration required. Details found under the "HOME Christian Art for Kids" tab.

Moms' Prayer Night – *Coordinator Needed*

Join us for a night of encouragement, Bible time, and prayer. If you have a heart to lead this Moms' Prayer Night, please contact Laurie Guidry at lguidry@faithtroy.org. This is typically a drop-in night; no registration required.

Country Life Natural Food Co-op – Orders Every Other Month Beginning in September Online Order System for Members

This is a Christian wholesale health provider of natural, organic and vegetarian foods; plus they offer great selection of healthy products at low prices. Cathy Rowan is the Coordinator.
travelcathy@wowway.com. Details found under the “HOME Resources” tab.

God’s World News – Every Other Month Publication - Preschool thru High School Orders through Cathy Rowan – Sign Up Any Time during the School Year

Publication will foster your child’s love for learning and fuel their faith. With highly-relatable magazines, dynamic websites, and interactive mobile apps, they can safely explore, learn and grow by experiencing age appropriate content they’ll be drawn to on the devices they enjoy. HOME Group receives a group discount price on each subscription. Magazines distributed on Co-op Fridays. Details found under the “HOME Resources” tab.

Box Tops for Education - Submit on Co-op Fridays at Welcome Desk

Clipping 10 cents at a time adds up quickly and benefits our HOME Group Members with free field trips or seminars and resources for our lending library. Please kindly cut along the dotted lines to save Cathy a ton of work! Details found under the “HOME Outreach” tab.

Labels for Education – Submit on Co-op Fridays at Welcome Desk

This is a fun and easy program where families and members of the community work together to “Earn Free Stuff” for their school. Please cut the labels and submit only the front label to save Cathy a ton of work! Details found under the “HOME Outreach” tab.

Soda Can Tabs – Submit on Co-op Fridays at Welcome Desk

Soda tabs are the easiest way to help our local Ronald McDonald House – easy to store and takes up little space. Donations help families feel like they are in a “home away from home” while their child receives treatment for serious illness or is hospitalized. Details found under the “HOME Outreach” tab.

Used Ink Cartridges – Submit on Co-op Fridays at Welcome Desk

The FundingFactory turns our used toner and inkjet cartridges into cash to help fund HOME Group special events. This is a 100% free fundraising program that helps our community. Details found under the “HOME Outreach” tab.

Empty Prescription Bottle Collection – Submit on Co-op Fridays at Welcome Desk

Matthew 25 Ministries accepts donations of empty pill bottles to help improve health care quality in developing nations. Donations of clean, **unlabeled** pill bottles help the poorest of the poor in many ways. Medicine can be distributed in sterile containers. Pill bottles that are not appropriate for shipping are recycled for cash that goes towards Matthew 25:Ministries’ programs. Details found under the “HOME Outreach” tab.

Friday Outreach Room after Co-op

Do you have a passion to serve? Do you want easy ways to serve? Cathy Rowan has a HUGE outreach heart and will coordinate an Outreach Room after Co-op Lunch Time. Serving side-by-side is an excellent opportunity to get to know people. Weekly outreach details will be given at Worship & Announcements.

Give & Take Table – Open on Co-op Fridays in Welcome Lobby

Bring your new or gently used homeschool items to donate and/or do a little free shopping! Leftover items will be donated or you may take them back home.

Soles4Souls Shoe Collection – Two Weeks per Year

This organization collects shoes for all children in the USA and around the world. Currently, there is a large drive to help the Louisiana flood victims. All types of shoes are collected. They accept worn out shoes and even one shoe of a missing pair. Shoes are repaired as needed and S4S helps families set up shoe stores. Cathy Rowan will collect shoes two times per year: September 16 thru October 21st and March 31st thru April 21st. All pairs should be securely banded together. Details found under the “HOME Outreach” tab.

Pizza FUNdraisers to Benefit Cambodia Missions – 4 Times per Year

Faith Lutheran Church – Room 20

Erin Oginsky, a HOME Group mom, works in Cambodia and partners with an orphanage in Cambodia. FUNds raised from pizza sales will provide scholarships, clean water, shoes and the Hope of the Gospel. Sale dates - October 7, December 2, February 10 & April 21. Register on FRED/General/Events at www.flchomegroup.com.

HS Scavenger Hunt & Bottle Drive for East Bethlehem – Saturday, September 17th

Meet at FLC at 6:30pm. We will be driving in adult cars and going on a selfie scavenger hunt while collecting returnable bottles at HOME families’ houses. This night is going to be tons of fun. The grade that wins will be given a pizza party during lunch! Cost to participate in the hunt is \$5 per HS Student. Register on FRED/General/Events at www.flchomegroup.com.

Hope Center Field Trips – Tuesday, September 20th or Thursday, September 22nd at 9:45am

Hope Center is a non-profit, Christian-based, volunteer driven, human services organization. Motivated by the love of God, Hope Center’s mission is to provide for immediate needs and transform the lives through outstanding service, collaboration and innovation. Join the HOME Group for a tour of the facility and to find out how your family and friends can serve together. Registration is open on FRED/General/Events at www.flchomegroup.com.

Spirit Day at HOME Group – Friday, September 30th

We will be adding a little fun to our Co-op and HS day at HOME with our annual Spirit Day. Join the fun and dress up according to your grade group: Preschool & Elementary – PJ Day, Middle School – TBD, 9th Grade – 50’s/60’s, 10th Grade – 90’s, 11th Grade – 70’s & 12th Grade – 80’s.

Apple Orchard/Cider Mill Field Trip – *Date in October TBD*

Watch your email for details and registration info.

HS Glowcoming, MS Party & Elementary Family Movie Night – Friday, October 14th

HS Glowcoming registration and payment online – limited admittance – this event fills up quickly so sign up as soon as you receive the details via email. MS Party & Elementary Family Movie Night – please watch your email for details and registration info.

Happy Bday Jesus SK8 Party & Ugly Sweater Contest – Monday, December 5 from 1:30-3:20pm at John Lindell Ice Arena in Royal Oak

Join in on an active afternoon of ice skating, celebration, and contest of who can wear the most hideous Christmas sweater. HS & MS students like to skate too – there will be prizes for the best sweaters!! Please bring a finger food sweet or savory dish to share. HOME will supply the birthday cake, lemonade and paper products. Registration is not required, but many like to know whose attending. Please sign up on FRED Events at www.flchomegroup.com.

MI Opera Theater's Dress Rehearsal of Little Women

Friday, March 10 at 11am – LOCATION = MACOMB CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE bringing Opera to Macomb County ... This is the third opera of MOT's annual community initiative to bring opera directly to audiences in Southeastern Michigan through partnerships with community organizations. *Little Women* presented by Michigan Opera Theatre.

Maximum number of reserved seats is 50 and on a first come basis. Registration and payment are due by January 27th – details to follow.

HOME Culinary Fair – Friday, March 10 @ 7pm

Faith Lutheran Church – Chapel

This fair will provide a venue to develop your culinary and research skills. This is a unique opportunity for your family to work together, research your favorite dish or dessert, develop a report on your findings using displays, posters, games, and imaginative devices of your choice. Sign your family up for the savory or sweet dish of your choice in the month of October and let the learning begin!

Self Defense Classes – Saturday, April 29th

Faith Lutheran Church Gym

Watch your email for event details and how to register.

Celebrate HOME & You! – Friday, May 5 @ 7pm

Faith Lutheran Church – Chapel

Calling all Co-op Teachers and YOU – the students - to collect projects to display or create performances so that we can celebrate all that God has accomplished through HOME and YOU! Register on FRED Events at www.flchomegroup.com. Never too early to plan your offerings!

Cirque de HOME IV – Friday, May 5 after the Celebrate HOME & You! Performances

Faith Lutheran Church – Student Center

MS & HS Students – come and enjoy an amazing coffee bar while you watch your classmates perform with a night of Karaoke and Talent of your choice! Watch your email for details and registration info.

End of Year Party & Student Council Recognition & Senior Send Off – May 20th

Faith Lutheran Church – Student Center

Octoball, 9-Square, dancing, spoons and other card games along with a cotton candy machine and a slide show from the year's highlights. We will also thank our Student Council for serving us and send off our Seniors! Watch your email for details.

HOME Group HS Senior Graduation Ceremony – Sunday, June 4 @ 3:30pm

Faith Lutheran Church – Worship Center & Gym

Join together and celebrate all that God has accomplished in and through these amazing young people with a graduation and commencement ceremony followed by a cookie reception. For details for graduating seniors, please contact Laurie Guidry at lguidry@faithtroy.org.

2017-18 MS/HS Student Council

Preparation for the 2017-18 Student Council elections begins in March! Nominations accepted March 17-24. Speeches held in North Student Center on March 31. Elections on April 21. Watch your emails for details.

Box Top for Education FREE Event – *Help Us Pick the Venue!*

You've been diligently saving up your Box Tops and Cathy has been working all year to bundle them up and send them off ... now it is celebration time! Last year we rented out the Troy Skate World for an afternoon of roller skating, blading and fellowship. We are taking suggestions for this year's location. Please submit them to lguidry@faithtroy.org.

Annual Barn Dance & Pot Luck Dinner – *Date TBD*

Faith Lutheran Church – Room 10 for Dinner & Gym for Dance

Join us for a wonderful night with your family and friends. We begin with a yummy pot luck dinner and then enjoy fiddle & banjo music, a hoedown, barn & square dancing, and excellent instruction by professional caller, Glen Morningstar. Register on FRED/General/Events at www.flchomegroup.com.

Gilmore Car Museum – *Date TBD*

Hickory Corners, MI (Approximately 2.5 hour drive)

An ultimate experience for everyone in your family – well worth the drive! BONUS: school group students have FREE ADMISSION!! Adults - \$13. On a 90-acre historic campus sits the Gilmore Car Museum where visitors shoot the breeze in an old-fashioned gas station. Children stand inches from a 1930 Rolls-Royce from a Disney® movie. Grandparents share stories about a '57 Chevy. Stroll the campus – eat lunch outside or at the authentic Blue Moon diner. Walk right up to an amazing collection of over 300 vintage automobiles, motorcycles, and memories. Registration details to follow.

Field Trip Suggestions

Please email lguidry@faithtroy.org with additional field trip suggestions. Adding as much detail about the trip is greatly appreciated: location, description of tour or activity, cost per student and adult, targeted age range, best time of year for activity (inside or outside), etc.

Table of Eight – *Dates TBD (Gatherings 4 times per year)*

Want to meet new couples and share an evening and meal together? Schedule a sitter and join the fun. Table of Eight is designed to gather four couples at a host home. All interested register online and the coordinator creates a schedule. Several host couples are needed per evening. Each couple brings a portion of the meal to be shared. Couples will be rotated throughout the year to get to know each other. Please watch your emails for details. Cathy Rowan – Coordinator.