

The Solemn Fast

Again we keep this solemn fast,

A gift of faith from ages past.

This Lent which binds us lovingly

To faith and hope and charity. (Ancient liturgy)

Ash Wednesday announces the journey to the cross. We begin with ashes marked on our foreheads to remind us that “we are dust, and to dust we shall return.”

Each Wednesday we gather in the nave to worship the Jesus of the cross and we experience his **Seven Last Words** spoken from the tree. These words remind us of Jesus great sacrifice for our salvation. These words “bind us” as together we keep the fast.

More sparing, therefore, let us make

The words we speak, the food we take, our sleep, our laughter, every sense;

Learn peace through holy penitence. (Ancient liturgy)

I encourage you as you are able to be present in worship, walk with Jesus to the cross, experience the different liturgies as opportunities to deepen your trust in the One who suffered and died that you may have eternal life.

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Larry Lehtinen, Dean Ricklefs, Joyce Smith, Lisa Smith Kovilic cousin of Deb Bell Geiser.

Faith Member and college student, Zach Vana will be giving a presentation regarding his upcoming mission trip on Sunday, February 18th at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. An opportunity to share in this work will be available.

Call for treat donations between services on Sundays. Sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. (50-75 treats) Thanks so much for your yummy treats!

The group formerly called "20s and 30s" is now "Faith Social Club". The name change helps eliminate age requirements - we are just a group of adults looking to have fun together in a social setting. Join our next outing!!!

On February 16th, the Faith Social Club will be attending a Rough Riders Game. The Rough Riders will be playing the Muskegon Lumberjacks at 7:05pm. Join us for a fun night of cheering on the local hockey team with friends!!! Please sign up on the table in the Narthex by February 11th. Tickets are \$15 - please pay when you sign up by dropping payment off at the church office, or in the Fellowship box. We will meet inside the doors to the ice arena (down the stairs) around 6:45 pm for tickets.

The next Fellowship meeting is February 15th at 6:30pm.

Please consider joining with the members of Ascension and Resurrection Lutheran Churches in donating blood to make our common goal of collecting at least forty units. **When:** Tuesday, February 13th **Where:** Lutheran Church of the Resurrection **Time:** 2:00 pm—6:30 pm

Would you like to go on a trip to the Holy Land & Jordan? Pastor Rodney Bluml and Pastor Linda Livingston will be traveling with a group next February 4-16, 2018. Brochures are on the welcome table in the narthex with details travel plans and cost information. If you have further questions, please contact Pr. Rodney at 389.6153.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Join us for Ash Wednesday Worship on Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 pm.



Mid-Week Lenten Worship

This year, our midweek Lenten theme will be "Seven Last Words". Please join us on:

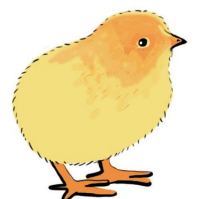
- Wednesday evenings begin with supper in the Family Center at 6:15 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm.
- On Thursdays during Lent, we will once again have a Sandwich luncheon in the library at 11:30 am followed by worship at noon beginning February 22nd.



Buck a Chick

The Social and Concerns committee and Youth Ministry will again team up for this year's Lenten project Buck a Chick. For every dollar given, the money will go towards buying a chick for a needy family. The family will keep the chick and raise it to produce eggs. The family can either keep the eggs for themselves or take them to the market to sell for income. You can take a coloring sheet to color and we will display it around the narthex.

We will have a friendly competition between the chicks (children), hens (ladies) and roosters (gentlemen) to see who can purchase the most chickens. Last year, the hens won. Can they win again or will there be a new winner?



Social Concerns & Giving

I am so thankful to be a part of this giving church. Today, Jan 29th, I gave checks out to HACAP, from the contributions from the weekly envelopes, and to the Indian Creek Nature Center kid camps, from our local ministries fund. These organizations were so thankful for thinking of them and for our donations! HACAP stated they will use the money on fresh produce, where they are short on funds. They will send pictures to show how our money was spent. We also gave a check out to Marion Senior Housing, also from our local ministries fund. So blessed!

Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is February 11th between services in Pr John's office.

Wow! The cold, flu and RSV season is here! Please, if you do not feel well, have a fever, vomiting or having diarrhea stay home and keep sick kids home! It is really bad out there! Also, wash your hands every time you blow your nose, touch your nose or mouth. These are the ways to prevent the spread of these viruses. These are viruses, they can't be treated with antibiotics. Call your health care provider if you are not getting better. Check out my bulletin board for more information.

If you would like to talk to me, you can e-mail Christy Pratt at parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!

Scout Pancake Breakfast

Come support Faith's local Troop 360 at their annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast held here at Faith on Sunday, February 17th from 7:00 am—11:30 am.



February Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, February 17th From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Monster Family" (PG) or for Bigger kids & Middle School in the Middle School room we have "The Goonies" (PG). For Middle School & Older in the Youth Room we have "Wonder" (PG). The Grown Up Pick is "Only the Brave" (PG-13) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or caregiver) Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks, come and join the fun family night!



Mime Practice Schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 7th: 7-8:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 11th: Noon-2:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 18th: Noon-2:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 21st: 7-8:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 25th: Noon-2:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 28th: 8-8:45 pm

WNL

Wednesday, Feb 7th—WNL with Women's team for cooking and clean-up

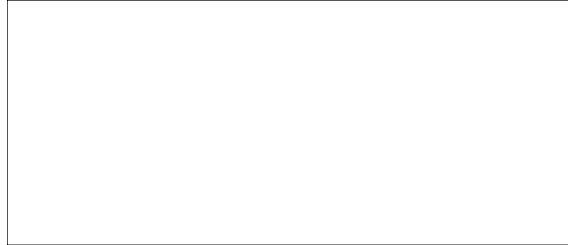
Wednesday, Feb. 14th —No WNL— Please attend Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, Feb 21st—WNL with Boy Scouts for cooking and clean-up



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We are a community of Faith,
growing in Christ, sharing God's love.

Worship Opportunities

All are welcome and invited to worship at
Faith Lutheran Church.

Worship Times

Saturdays

5:30 pm—Worship

Sundays

8:00 am—Worship

9:10 am —Sunday School All Ages

10:45 am—Worship

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 14th

7:00 pm

Faith has been serving the Marion-Cedar Rapids area for more than thirty years; supporting local ministries such as the Marion Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, and Senior Assistance Programs. We are in partnership with the 10,657 congregations, 28 Lutheran colleges and universities, 8 seminaries, 450 global missionaries and one of the largest non-profit social service networks in the United States; as well as Lutheran World Relief worldwide. All are ministries of the 5.2 million member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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But most of the real work is done by unpaid members of the congregation, often without recognition, who see their service as a response to God.