

## The Great Lent

The season of Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7:00 pm March 6th.

The focus of Ash Wednesday is to remind us of our mortality, “Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.” The theme of our mid-week worship is on the Psalms, the hymnbook of the Bible. We will gather each Thursday at 6:00 pm for soup supper with worship to follow at 7:00 pm. This year as we focus on the Psalms there will be opportunity for table discussion. In addition, I invite you to enter into the ancient practice, still observed by the monks and nuns of reading all 150 psalms during Lent. You may find the psalm reading list on the table in the Narthex.

Book of Psalms, Book of praises.

The Book of Psalms is a collection of 250 hymns written over a long period of time. About 75 are ascribed to David. The keyword of the Book of Psalms is worship. Here the people of God poured out their praises, prayers, hopes and woes.

The Psalms are quoted more frequently in the NT than any other OT book. Jesus frequently referred to the Psalms, and quoted one of them from the cross.

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Come join us as we discover anew God’s great message of salvation as written in the Psalms.

Peace,

Pastor John

## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Betty Thompson, Gladys Tonsager.

**First Communion Instruction will be** available on Wednesday, February 20th at 5:00 pm. See PJ for questions.

**Daytime Disciples will meet on** Tuesday, February 26th at 1:00 pm in the Library. All ladies are welcome.

**Midweek Lenten Worship will be** on Thursdays beginning March 14th with a soup supper at 6:00 pm followed by worship at 7:00 pm.

## Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is March 10th in the associate pastor's old office after service. Also, I am free to discuss any healthcare concern you may have. 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!

## Library Likes



Our Faith Library has a number of different Bibles you might be interested in perusing. Sometimes I find that when I read the same Bible over and over, I see the words or stories in the same way as always. So a different translation or version helps me to see the words in a new way.

Bibles on the Faith Library's shelves include a *Teen Study Bible* and a *Good News Bible: Today's English Version*. We also have a *New Living Translation Bible* and a *Life Application Study Bible*. Two Bibles with additional notes are *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* and the *New Revised Standard Version with Study Helps*. Plus there are several *New Revised Standard Versions* available. All of these resources are in the library on the shelves labeled "Bibles." Remember, there is no official check-out sheet. Help yourself to a book and bring it back when you are finished.

The Adult Education Committee hopes you take advantage of the resources in our Faith Library!

Deb Aldrich

## Fishing for Food

Faith Lutheran's Social Concerns Committee is kicking off a campaign for February and March entitled "Fishing For Food." We will like all members to help support our local Marion Churches Food Pantry by bringing items desperately needed for distribution at the Pantry and fill the bins that are located in the narthex on the cart.

What items are needed:

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| *Canned Meat              | *Canned Fruit        |
| *Applesauce               | *Instant Potatoes    |
| *Peanut Butter            | *Cream Soups         |
| *Ramen noodles            | *Chicken noodle soup |
| *Bags of white/brown rice |                      |
| *Toilet Paper             | *Paper Towels        |
| *Kleenex                  | *Shampoo/Conditioner |
| *Toothpaste               | *Deodorant           |
| *Toothbrushes             | *Hand Soap           |

## Fellowship Events

**Join the Fellowship team to watch the Cedar Rapids Rough Riders** take on the Dubuque Fighting Saints on Friday, March 29th. For tickets, sign up on the table in the Narthex. \$15 per ticket - drop off at the office or in the Fellowship Box or Box #180. Please sign up by March 10th. At the Stadium, meet by the ticket area around 6:45pm. Should be a fun night of watching hockey!



## Evening Adult Bible Study

Are you interested in studying the Bible with a small group? We are offering an evening Bible Study, beginning in February. We will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, will begin on Monday, February 25th. Our topic is *Multiple Meanings*, and we will look at different ways to understand what we read in the Bible. Plan to join us in the Library at 7:00 p.m. Plan on having a bit of dessert, too.



## Men's Book Club

Men's Book Club will meet on Saturdays—March 9-April 13th from 8:00-10:00 am in the Library. We will read and discuss the book, "I Heard the Owl Call My Name" by Margaret Craven (PJ's favorite novel!) The books are available on the welcome table in the narthex.

## Faith Lutheran



The Faith Lutheran Reads books have arrived and are available for those who signed up. Please pick your copy up in the Faith Library and check your name off that you have picked yours up. Thanks and stay tuned for more information about an upcoming discussion group.

## YFM Event

February YFM Event —Board Games with friends has been postponed for weather to Sunday, March 3rd from 2:00—4:00 pm. Games and snacks are provided in the Family Center, just bring your favorite board game and come for some fun and fellowship! All are invited!



## Middle School Overnight

Middle School Youth you are invited for a fun overnight beginning on March 1st at 8:00 pm and going until March 2nd at 8:00 am. Sign up on the welcome table in the narthex. Our theme is Pajama Party. Come join the fun and fellowship. Adult volunteers are also needed and welcome.



## YFM Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, February 23rd From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" (PG) or for Bigger kids & Middle School in the Middle School room we have "The Grinch" (PG)



For Middle School & Older in the Youth Room we have "Bohemian Rhapsody" (PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is "A Star is Born" (R) (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.

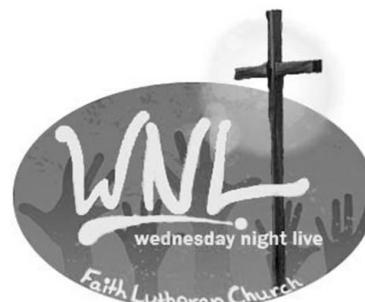
## Wednesday Night

**Wednesday, Feb. 20th**—WNL w/ Boy Scouts for cooking and clean-up.

**Wednesday, Feb. 27th** —WNL Worship-w/Women's Team for cooking and clean-up.

**Wednesday, Mar. 6th**—Ash Wednesday Worship @ 7:00 pm. (No WNL)

**Wednesday, Mar. 13th** —WNL w/HS Team for cooking and clean-up.





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

## Worship

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

### Worship Times

#### Saturdays

5:30 pm– Worship

#### Sundays

9:00 am– Worship

*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.