

Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland, 461

March 17 marks the Saint Day for Patrick, Bishop of Ireland. He is remembered on the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Methodist calendars. Patrick died at Saul in County Down in 461.

Patrick, the Apostle to Ireland, was born around 389 in Roman Britain, the grandson of a priest and the son of an alderman and later deacon.

His mission concentrated on the west and the north of Ireland where the gospel had not been preached before. He secured the protection of local kings and traveled extensively making many converts and founding monasteries. The claim of Armagh to be Patrick's church, although not recorded before the seventh century, seems to be genuine.

From the Confessions of St. Patrick: "If I am worthy, I am ready to give up my life, without hesitation and most willingly, for his name. I want to spend my life here until death, if the Lord grants me this favor. I am deeply in his debt, for he gave me the great grace that through me many people should believe." Patrick stood firmly on the words of Isaiah 49: "I will give you as a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

(Pfatteicher, Festivals and Commemorations.)

Patrick is probably most known for his prayer, St. Patrick's Breastplate:

Christ be with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ within me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every eye that hears me.



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May we, like Patrick, find strength and courage to spread the Gospel message in word and deed until that day when sorrow and suffering shall be no more!

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Scott Behnke, Dave Kroeger, Dean Ricklefs, Joyce Smith, Lisa Smith Kovilic cousin of Deb Bell Geiser, Nick nephew of Catherine Dytrt.

We express our sympathy to Wilma Burrell and family on the recent passing of her son-in-law, Wayne.

We also express our sympathy to the Butters family on the passing of Chuck Butters.

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.

The Churches of Marion Food Pantry is always in need of donations for local people in need. All items are currently being accepted including peanut butter, mac and cheese, soups, toilet paper, cereal and all canned and non-glass containers. Please be sure your items have not expired.

What better way to prepare for the joy of Easter than hearing uplifting and spirit-filled music! The Luther College Concert Band, one of the Midwest's outstanding collegiate wind ensembles, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24 at Vinton-Shellsburg High School. The concert is open to the public with a freewill donation taken at the door.

Daylight Savings Time

Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time Change takes place this weekend.

Please remember to "Spring forward" or wind your clocks ahead one hour before heading to church on Sunday, March 11th.



Mid-Week Lenten Worship

This year, our midweek Lenten theme is "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 once again have a Sandwich luncheon in the library at 11:30 am followed by worship at noon. Come as you can!



Holy Week Schedule

March 28th— 7:30 pm: Youth Mime in Family Center

March 29th— 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Footwashing and Holy Communion

March 30th—7:00 pm: Good Friday

March 31st—9:00 pm: Easter Vigil
(No 5:30 pm service)

April 1st —8:00 am & 10:45 am Easter Worship with Breakfast at 9:15 am



Holy Week

Fellowship Notes

We are looking for treat donations for Sunday Fellowship Time. To make it easier to donate items, there are two sign up sheets: one for the Adult Fellowship time (9:00am), and one for the Children Fellowship time (10:15am). Please sign up with any dates that work, Thank you for your help, Fellowship Team.

Fellowship is looking for soup and dessert donations to serve on March 14th. There is no WNL that night due to spring break. Sign up on table in the Narthex, thank you!

Parish Nurse

The next blood pressure/sugar checks will be March 11th between services in Pastor John's office.

Wow! The cold, flu and RSV season is still 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. Call your health care provider if you are not getting better. Check out my bulletin board for more information.

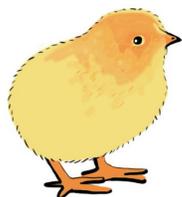
If you would like to talk to me, you can e-mail Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361-0445. All discussions confidential!

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?

Also, Midweek Lenten offerings will go towards Buck a Chick!



March Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, March 17th From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "The Star" (PG) or for Bigger kids & Middle School in the Middle School room we have "Coco" (PG). For Middle School & Older in the Youth Room we have "Thor: Ragnarok" (PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is "Darkest Hour" (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, Mar 11th: 8-8:45 pm

Sunday, Mar 18th: Noon-2:30 pm

Wednesday, Mar 21st: 8-8:45pm

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

Mime Performance: Wednesday, March 28th: 7:30 pm

WNL

Wednesday, Mar. 7th —WNL with the Men's team for cooking and clean-up.

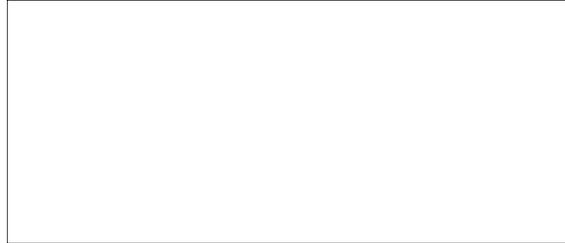
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We are a community of Faith,
growing in Christ, sharing God's love.

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

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays

Dinner @ 6:15 pm

Worship @ 7:00 pm

Thursdays

Lunch @ 11:30 am

Worship @ Noon

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.