

Easter

“It is on Sunday that we all assemble, because Sunday is the first day: the day on which God transformed darkness and matter and created the world, and the day on which Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead. He was crucified on the eve of Saturn’s day, and on the day after, that is, on the day of the sun, he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them what we have now offered for your examination.” Justin, Second Century.

He appeared to them! On Easter Sunday, indeed every Sunday, we celebrate the transforming miracle that **“Christ Is Risen!”** No longer captive to sin, death, or the grave, Christians gather on the Lord’s Day to celebrate the Easter message. **“He lives, He lives who once was dead, He lives my everlasting head!”**

This promise unfolds in the drama of the liturgy, we gather, we hear the word, we partake of the holy sacrament, we pray and sing, and then we go out into the world to make it a better place. **The Divine Liturgy guides our lives** so that we need not fear for we have heard the promise, once more we participate in the ritual of Sunday worship so that we can also proclaim the promise, **“Christ Is Risen Indeed!”**

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

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

Join Pastors Rodney Bluml, Linda Livingston, and Wade Reddy in the fellowship hall of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 N. Ford St, Anamosa from 1:00-2:30 pm on Sunday, April 15th for an informational meeting on the Holy Land trip they will be hosting February 4-16, 2019. They will show pictures, discuss places to be visited, and answer your questions. Feel free to contact Pastor Rodney at 319.389.6153. All are welcome!

Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity is beginning to build a new house in Marion. If you are interested in volunteering, please go to the website at cvhabitat.org

and click on the volunteer link or sign up on the welcome table. For questions or more details, see Don Rivers our Faith Lutheran Representative at CV Habitat for Humanity.



The next Fellowship Meeting is April 26th at 6:30 pm.

Faith Farm Update

Most of you know that Sonja from Feed Iowa First passed away couple of weeks ago. The trustees of Feed Iowa First are keeping Sonja's legacy and mission alive to feed hungry families here in Linn County. We have notified Feed Iowa First that we are still interested in helping. Once we hear from them, we will let you know. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Lennon-Lane or Christy Pratt. I am looking for someone to help me with organizing the farm, such as communicating with Feed Iowa First and with the other row sponsors. If you are interested, let Christy Pratt know! Thank you!



Kitchen Kickoff

Demolition will begin April 26th of the Faith Kitchen remodel. We will be hosting a "Kitchen Kick-off" on Sunday, April 22nd from 4:00-7:00 pm. We will eat at 5:00 pm with brats and sloppy joes provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

There will be a variety of ways you can help donate towards the cost of the project. More information is coming to you in a letter to your home. But for now, save the date!

Kitchen Committee Update

We are unable to have 2 ovens in the oven space due to the current hood capacity. We have purchased a 40" dual fuel range (gas burners and electric oven) that will work within the confines of the current hood. We also will not be putting out the kitchen donation sheets until Saturday, April 14th to keep them from getting mixed up and or lost. Thank you for your patience in this process. We hope this will be an opportunity for the congregation to become excited about this project.

Men's SEED Breakfast

The Men's SEED Team will have their fellowship breakfast on Tuesday, April 17th at 9:00 am in the Family Center.

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.

Parish Nurse

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is April 8th between services in Pastor John's office.



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 are confidential!

First Communion Instruction

We will have one First Communion Instruction on Wednesday, April 18th at 5:00 pm in the Library. See PJ for questions.

VBS & Day Camp

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. –Ephesians 2:8

Campers will learn how God's grace changes brokenness and how we can work with others to show that grace to the world. Vacation Bible School and our EWALU Dany Camp have the same theme as the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering!

EWALU Day Camp welcomes children entering 1st – 6th Grades. The fee for Day Camp is \$40, and includes T-Shirt, daily snack and trip to Ewalu Camp.

Faith's Vacation Bible School is for pre-school to children entering kindergarten. The fee for VBS is \$20, and includes a T-Shirt. Snack and drink are provided daily.

Vacation Bible School **EWALU Day Camp**
July 9 - 12 **July 9 - 13**

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING!

April Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, April 21st From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "The Greatest Showman" (PG) or for Bigger kids & Middle School in the Middle School room we have "Justice League" (PG-13).

For Middle School & Older in the Youth Room we have "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" (PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is "Murder on the Orient Express" (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!

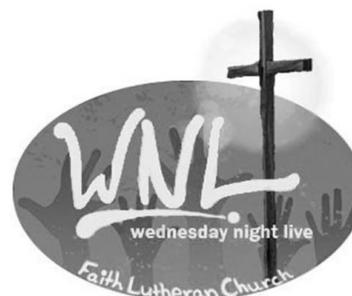
WNL

Wednesday, April 4th—WNL with HS for cooking and clean up.

Wednesday, April 12th—WNL with Men's team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, April 19th —WNL with the Women's team for cooking and clean up.

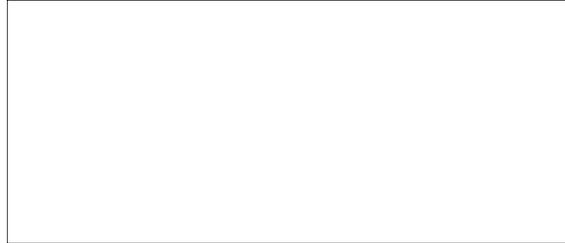
Wednesday, April 25th—WNL with the HS team for cooking and clean up. Year end celebration and Worship. Final WNL of program year!





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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

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.