



Every Sunday 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.*

Dear Friends we have something that the world does not possess. We have the timeless treasures of the Church, namely worship, Word, and sacraments.

Although these elements come together every Sunday, Easter is set apart, for on this day we celebrate the long awaited promise that **“Christ Is Risen!”** Death is defeated. Sin is canceled. On this day we sing and pray and partake of Holy Communion confident that the Risen Lord is alive and active in our lives and in the life of this community of faith.

I invite and encourage you and your family to join in the Great Three Days of Holy Week so that on Easter Morning you can experience the joy and peace that comes through worship and fellowship.

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Peace,

Rev. John Albertson



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for June Mead, Clell Wildes, Sue Tweeton, Paula Burley, Gerry Andrews cousin of Catherine Dytrt, Caleb cousin of Sherry Stark, Matt Cook son-in-law of Pard & Mariann Keith, Lydia granddaughter of Dick and Coreen Hein.

The Church office will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Reminder: Please sign up for egg casseroles for the Easter Breakfast. A clipboard is on the welcome table in the narthex.

Parish Nurse Notes

Last call for AED/CPR training! I am looking for individuals interested in [becoming or in need of a renewal certification on the AED/CPR](#). There are [several classes for](#) Thursday evening or Saturday morning. We will pay for your certification! If you are interested, just contact me Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or my number 361-0445. Thanks!

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is April 9th between services in Pr 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!

Thank You Volunteers of Faith

The Social and Concerns Committee will once a month spotlight a group of volunteers to thank them for their time and talents.

April's spotlight is on

Mike and Sharon Dautremont
for all their time and talent painting
and renovating our church.

Thank you Mike and Sharon!



Holy Week Schedule

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April 12th— 7:30 pm: Youth Mime in Family Center

April 13th— 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Footwashing and Holy Communion

April 14th—7:00 pm: Good Friday

April 15th—9:00 pm: Easter Vigil
(No 5:30 pm service)

April 16th—8:00 am & 10:45 am Easter Worship with Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 am

News from the Personnel Committee

We have some exciting news to share! As you know, Pastor Rodney is serving as an intern for us through July of this year, and I think I speak for us all when I say he has been a blessing! While we are in NO hurry to see him leave, we are busy planning for our future.

In January, we submitted our application to Wartburg Seminary to receive an intern for the 2017-2018 program year, and we were recently informed that our application has been approved!

Jeff Geiger will be joining us in August. Jeff is married to his wife Susan of 16 years. Susan is a pediatric nurse and is pursuing a job with the University of Iowa Children's hospital. They have two daughters, Hannah - 10, and Bethany - 6. Jeff was raised in the Cleveland, Ohio area, he currently lives in Jacksonville, Florida and over the summer Jeff and his family will be moving to Marion.

We see this as yet another blessing and are very excited to continue 'Building in faith, for Faith' by supporting the development of new, ordained leaders for the larger Church. Please add Jeff and his family to your prayers.

Lynette Marling
TJ Barnidge
Michelle George

Dave Ripley
Rob Burley

Buck a Chick

The Social Concerns Committee and Youth Ministry have teamed 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. Proceeds will go to ELCA World Hunger.



Martin Luther's Reformation: Then and Now

In observation of the Reformation's 500th anniversary, Dr. Martin Lohrmann of Wartburg Theological Seminary and Dr. Jake Kohlhaas of Loras College will offer different perspectives on the fundamental issues at stake in the Reformation and the progress being made toward mutual understanding today during this interactive event. Join people from other churches for a round-table event that will focus on reform issues in the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches.

Thursday, April 27th

6:30-8:30 pm

Faith Lutheran Church

This event is sponsored by the following Linn County churches: Ascension Lutheran, Christ Episcopal, Faith Lutheran, First Lutheran, Gloria Dei Lutheran and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Please RSVP your participation by calling Jen at 377.9700 or sign up on the welcome table in the narthex. Informational brochures are available.

April Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, April 22nd. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Sing" (PG) or for bigger kids in the Middle School Room we have "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" (PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is "Hidden Figures" (PG) and the Middle School and Older kids have "Rogue One" in the Youth Room (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!

VBS & Day Camp Registration

Sign up sheets for our 2017 VBS and Day Camp are now available. Vacation Bible School runs from July 10th-13th from 9:00 am -11:30 am and is for preschool to kids entering Kindergarten. Our theme is "Taking Root". EWALU Day Camp runs July 10th-14th from 9:00 am-3:00 pm and is for kids entering 1st grade to 6th grade. The theme is "The Water of Life" On Friday, Day Campers will go to EWALU in Strawberry Point. Sign up sheets are available on the welcome table or see Danny for questions.

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, April 5th—WNL with Men's team for cooking and clean-up. Lenten Worship will begin at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, April 12th —No WNL - Youth Mime Performance in FC at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 19th WNL with HS Women'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

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.