



The House of Your Church

“Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. The heavens and the earth cannot contain you, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts. We are the temple of your presence, and this building is the house of your church. Accept us and this place to which we come to share with others the covenant you make through Holy Baptism, to praise your name, to receive your forgiveness, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and illumine your people. To God be the glory, forever and ever, amen. (Occasional Services LBW)

Our worship life together forms everything we do as members of Faith Lutheran. We begin our lives at the baptismal font and we end our lives at the foot of the cross.

Sunday after Sunday we proclaim the resurrection, “Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed!” Hymns, prayers, sermons, and sacraments provide the means to encounter the living Christ.

Our Sanctuary has taken on a new look. The new colors draw our attention to the Holy Other. The intention is deliberate. It is here that God meets us and invites us to worship. The Stain Glass windows, the Cross, the Table and Font remind us that our God is a living God, active in all of life.

Called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified, we step out in faith, worshipping the God who loves us so that we might love others.

My heartfelt thanks to the Building in Faith committee for the enhancement of the worship space, may the Sanctuary be a beacon of hope and healing as we live our lives in response to all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ.

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Lydia Lines, Diane Anderson, Jan Schnack, T.J. Barnidge's uncle, Keith Graf, twin brother of Coreen Hein, Nick, nephew of Catherine Dytrt, Richard Johnson, brother-in-law of Dick Hein, Martha Watkins; Spencer Carver brother of Bailey Freese; Annette Mohling's brother, Lyle, brother, Dean and nephew, Drew. Merrick friend of Jean Dunn.

All are welcome to join in the celebration of Leif Albertson's graduation on May 28th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Family Center.

Please join us in celebrating Danielle Gerlach's graduation from Linn Mar at Faith's Family Center on Saturday, May 28th from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. All are welcome!

You are also invited to join the celebration of Ryan Hendrickson's graduation on Sunday, June 5th here at Faith's Family Center from 1:30 pm—4:00 pm.

In the narthex, we have a canoe trip clipboard to sign up for food donations. Items can be dropped off at the church at anytime but please have perishable items at the church by Sunday, June 12th at the latest. We appreciate your help and support making this trip possible!

Book Club

We are starting a book club! The first book we'll be reading is "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. If you are interested please sign up so we can keep you in the loop. We will be borrowing a book club kit from the library, so you won't have to buy the book. There is a sign up sheet on the welcome table in the narthex. Approximate dates are: Book available May 21-22 and meet to discuss on June 15. Contact Susan Tweeton or Amy Sagan with questions.



Summer Worship Time Change

Please note: Summer Worship hours will begin on Sunday, May 29th when we switch to one 9:00 am worship service on Sundays. We will still have Saturday worship at 5:30 pm.

Fellowship Opportunities

Good Time Rollers –40+ Group

Our newly-formed Faith Lutheran 40 and up group primary focus is faith and fun! Our next event will be going to Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse in Rock Island to see Sister Act on Saturday, July 2nd. A delicious buffet will be served beginning at 6:00 pm and the musical will follow. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex and indicate the number of tickets and whether you'd like to carpool or not. Cost is \$35 a ticket. (Please make check payable to FLC and put Circa 21 on the memo line. Put in Amy Sagan's mailbox # 162) Register by June 2nd. For questions, see Marlene Pasker or Paul/Sonja Gibbs. Buffet items include carved pineapple glazed ham, Caribbean style cherry snapper, smoked mesquite cherry chicken, shepherds pie, pasta romana Pomodoro, parmesan chive smashed potatoes, red beans and rice, maple dill carrot, green bean casserole.

20's and 30's Event

Join us on Sunday, May 22nd. We'll be meeting at Big Grove Brewery in Solon for lunch and drinks. RSVP to Amy Sagan if you're able to make it.

Game Night

Save the date! We're going to have a game night on Friday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Family Center. All are welcome. Bring a snack to share and a favorite game.



Thrivent Night At The Ballpark

Thrivent Financial is again sponsoring "Night at the Ballpark" for the Kernels game to be held on Tuesday, June 7th to benefit Iowa Special Olympics. Tickets are available for \$6 by calling 366-2991.

Upcoming Summer Youth

Once again, our summer is filled with events for faith and fun! We have a week set aside at EWALU itself for members to send their kids to camp in Strawberry Point for one of the various themed camping opportunities. June 26-July 1st Faith Youth and Family Ministry Directory, Danny Stone will be at camp all week participating in all the camp fun.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Vacation Bible School and EWALU Day Camp dates for the 2016 year. July 11-15 have been selected for our week of fun, friendship and Faith. The VBS kids theme is "Catch the Buzz" and is for all kids 3 years of age to those entering Kindergarten. Cost is \$20 and camp goes from 9:00 am— 11:30 am Monday-Thursday.

Our Day Camp that is run by spirited youth counselors from EWALU is themed "The Jesus Way" and runs Monday-Friday 9:00 am—3:00 pm cost is \$40 for the week. Registration forms are now available on the welcome table in the narthex. See Danny with questions.

Attention all Adults, College and High School students: We have planned a special Urban Exchange Mission Trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 25 to July 31st. Cost is \$250 per person and includes meals, housing, transportation and entertainment. A \$100 deposit is due ASAP to reserve your place. See Danny for more details.

Cross Walk

All are invited to come and join Pastor Amy in our fun group called "Cross Walk". We will meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am at the Bowman Woods Trail Head and walk to Thomas Park and back. Bring your strollers, wagons, all ages are invited but please children under 16 need to have a parent with them. We will begin on Thursday, June 2nd. Come when you can or come every week!



Feed Iowa First

Such progress has been made with the onions on the Faith Farm! If you take a peek at the perfectly straight rows of a variety of onions and leeks, you'll see most of them are about 6 inches high and are on track to be harvested in early fall. We planted several rows as onions sets, or bulbs, which will take a bit longer to reach maturity. The straw between the rows is helping with moisture retention and keeping weeds at bay. Because this is the first growing season after the sod was broken, the families who planted had to battle a lot of sod and grass. For the most part, the disking, tilling, careful planting and maintenance was just enough to get the Faith Farm up and running. You are encouraged to visit the Faith Farm and walk the rows. Say a prayer for our Farm, Feed Iowa First, the families that adopted the rows, and the families that will receive the onions.



YFM Event

Join us on Saturday, May 21st as we go on an hiking and cave adventure at Maquoketa Caves State Park. We will gather at Faith at 11:00 am and we will car pool to the park.

Pack a picnic lunch and bring snacks. Wear rugged shoes, old clothes and bring a flashlight. Bike helmets may save a bruised head. All ages welcome.

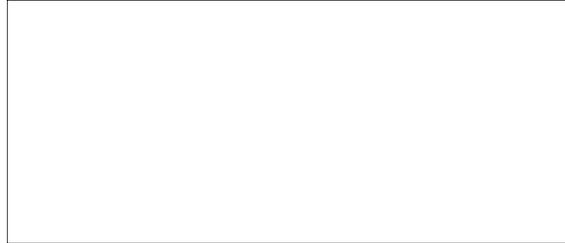
Drivers and caring adults are needed. We will return to Faith about 4:30 pm. Sign up on the welcome sheet in the narthex. For questions, see Danny.





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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.

Saturdays

5:30 pm – Worship

Sundays

8:00 am & 10:45 am – Worship

Worship Time Changes 5/29/16

9:00 am (Sunday) 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.