



Free for Service

“For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore.” Galatians 5:1

Christ has set us free, not from some human slavery or tyrannical authority but from the eternal wrath of God. Where? In the conscience. This is where our freedom comes to a halt; it goes no further. For Christ has set us free, not for a political freedom or a freedom of the flesh but for a theological or spiritual freedom. Our conscience is free and joyful, unafraid of the wrath to come (Matthew 3:7). This is the most genuine freedom; it is immeasurable. For who can express what a great gift it is for someone to be able to declare for certain that God neither is nor ever will be wrathful but will be a gracious and merciful Father for the sake of Christ.

It is a great and incomprehensible freedom that is easier to talk about than it is to believe. If this freedom Christ has achieved for us could be grasped in its certainty, no fury or terror of the world, the Law, sin, death, the devil, could be too great. For it would swallow them up as quickly as the ocean swallows a spark. This freedom of Christ certainty swallows up and abolishes a whole heap of evils, and more in their place it establishes righteousness, peace, life, and more. Blessed is the one who understands and believes this. Martin Luther, 1535.

With this certain promise we are free to invite, encourage, connect, and pray for our neighbors. We have embraced the task to “get the word out” about Faith Lutheran this summer. In word and deed we are “Making disciples” starting first with ourselves and then venturing out in the neighborhood and inviting others.

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Jesus simply said “Come and See.” Come and see what happens when we follow first the One who gave his life as an example of witness and service. Come and see, stay and experience the love and fellowship of our community, then go and tell the story over and over again.

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Summer Fun Club Upcoming Events

There are still plenty of Summer Fun Club Events are planned throughout the summer and make sure to see what ages will be participating on which Wednesdays.

July 10th —7:00-9:00 pm

Mini Golf with the Day Camp Team

July 17th —7:00 --9:00 pm

Faith's Middle School kids, High School youth and fun loving adults are invited to a Bowling Party at the Cedar Rapids Bowling Center.

We will meet at Faith at 7:00 PM and carpool to the bowling alley. Adult drivers are needed to help transport.

Bowling and shoes will cost \$5.00, and bowlers can bring extra money for snacks. Our team will return to Faith by 9 pm.



July 24th—6:35 pm

Kernels Game for all ages & families: We only have 20 tickets so call Jen or Danny for the \$5 tickets! Parents & Adult Friends always welcome



August 7th —7:00-9:00 pm

Games & Movies @ Faith for 2nd Gr & Up

August 14th —7:00-9:00 pm

Back to school Water Party for 2nd Gr & Up



Marion Cares Backpacks

Once again, Faith will sponsor 24 youth by purchasing their much needed school supplies. Marion Cares will be dropping off “pencils” this THURSDAY which include the supply list for a needy child.

You can sign up and take a pencil and return the backpack filled with all the materials to the church. Marion Cares will pick these up and distribute to the children. We must have all the backpacks returned by July 29th. Thanks again for your support to benefit local kids in our community!



Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, July 20th. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the family is “The Oogieloves” (G) or for bigger kids in the Youth Room we have “Up” (PG). The Grown Up Pick is “Quartet” (PG-13) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or care giver)

Then the Senior High Youth have 2 options from 9:00-11:00 pm including “The Host” (PG-13) and “Jack the Giant Slayer” (PG-13). Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks.



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Vickie Barnidge, Larry Behnke, Terrie McCarthy, Scott Behnke, Betty Carsner, Ruth Warren, Gill James (friend of Jon Estrem), Penny Ripley's grandmother, Elverda Smith's son-in-law, Maeve (Catherine Dytrt's great-niece) Bonnie Plumb mother of Cheryl Hollestelle, Elverda Smith's son-in-law.

Continuing this Sunday, join us for fellowship following worship. We'll have rolls or bagels and juice and enjoy each other's company!

Women's Tea Party Event: May 3, 2014:

Ladies, we're looking for table hostesses. For details and more information contact Bev Whitmore at bwhitmore48@msn.com.

Join us for our monthly movie night on Saturday, July 20th at 7:00 pm.

Our witness team will be at Marion Park on Thursdays when the band plays to pass out popcorn. Come check them out!



Habitat Team Meetings

Sunday, July 14 at 10:00 AM -- preparing for the trip
 Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 AM -- packing for the trip

Please, let Danny know if you will miss a meeting. He will have handouts ready to mail out.

Call Committee

The Call Committee is currently working on completing the Ministry Site Profile and reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the position for the Associate Pastor position.

The Ministry Site Profile is comprised of information about demographics and history of our church and community. It also includes in great detail our goals, mission, climate, and needs as a church and community. The roles and responsibilities of the position are being strategically reviewed to ensure that we have a comprehensive coverage of all of the pastoral responsibilities in partnership with the Senior Pastor. We are working to create a survey that will allow the congregation to express their desires for skills/gifts that would be most beneficial in the candidate for the Associate Pastor position.

There will be an electronic survey that will be available on our church's web page by the July 15th. . We will also be doing a "pew capture" opportunity that will be available during the worship services on August 17th & 18th. Hard copies of the survey will also be made available for those that are unable to attend and wish to not use the electronic survey options. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please contact a member of the call committee. Please keep the committee in your prayers as we move forward with the call process.

Parish Nurse

I will be doing the monthly blood pressure checks on July 14th after the 9 AM service in Pastor John's office.



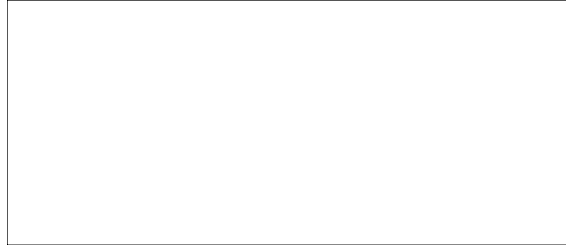
If you would like to talk to me, you can e-mail me at parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org or call the office at 377-9700. All discussions are always confidential!



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growing in Christ, sharing God's love.*



Worship Opportunities

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

Summer Worship Times

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays @ 9:00 am

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.