



Thanks!

Thank you for the wonderful 25th ordination celebration! Your out-pouring of love and support made real in the meal, cards and letters, is truly appreciated. I am overwhelmed with gratitude. The Reformation stole arrived on Tuesday and I cannot wait to wear it. What a thoughtful gift! It didn't dawn on me that my 25th anniversary and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation happen the same year! I feel truly blessed to be the pastor of Faith Lutheran Congregation.

We are doing some exciting things here at FLC. The Farm has produced many baskets of cherry tomatoes, the kitchen committee is moving towards revealing possible remodel plans. Wednesday Night Live is off to a good start. Worship committee is making plans for the up-coming Feast Days: Reformation, All Saints Day, Christ The King, Advent and Christmas. Witness is organizing another New Member Reception. **God's Work is being done by Our Hand's!**

As I begin my 19th year of ministry in this place, I ask for your continued prayers. Working together, praying, worshipping, singing, planting and teaching, we anticipate that promised "better day" when sin and sorrow will be no more and God reigns victoriously over all.

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Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Diane Lehtinen, Clell Wildes, The Below Family, Terrie McCarthy, Diane Anderson, Joe Miglia, father of Angie & Barry Miglia, Caleb cousin of Sherry Stark, Lydia granddaughter of Dick and Coreen Hein.

Attention Ladies: Daytime Disciples will meet on Tuesday, September 26th at 1:00 pm. Please join them!

Special thanks to Dave Kroger for once again driving in the Swamp Fox Parade for Faith on Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 am.

Scouting for Food will be in October! Bags will be placed on your doors on Saturday, October 7th and pickup will be the following Saturday, October 14th. Please have your bags outside for pickup by 8:00 am and filled with food. Please no glass containers or expired food!

Faith Farm garden cleanup on Sunday, October 15th at 5:00 pm. Following clean-up there will be potluck/pizza in the Family Center.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Good Time Rollers 50+ Event:

On Saturday, September 23 following 5:30 worship, the GTR will meet at Mandarin Spice Restaurant for dinner at 6:45 pm. Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex.

20's and 30's Event - Save the Date

Saturday, October 7th we're planning a family outing to Allen's Orchard and then pizza back at the church. Your kiddos are welcome and more details to come.

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.

September's Spotlight is on our volunteers for God's Work Our Hands

September 10th

Check out the results on the next page!



Men's Retreat

Join Pastor John for the Men's Retreat on Friday, October 20 beginning at 6:00 pm to Saturday, October 21st ending at 1:00 pm at EWALU Camp & Retreat Center in Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Bring your tools and work gloves because we are going to do God's work at camp. Roll up your sleeves and build strong relationships as we renovate a cabin and repair bunks. Pack your bedding and a healthy appetite. Cost is \$35 per person and includes meals and lodging. A sign up sheet will be available on the welcome table in the narthex.



Info from the Faith Office

As we head into our program year, we would like to remind everyone of our office hours. Secretary Jen is in and the Church office is open from 7-3 Monday through Friday.

Pastor John's scheduled day off is Friday, and Intern Jeff and Danny are off on Mondays.

Mornings are the best time to find the staff at church, while afternoons are reserved for visiting or off campus meetings. That said, we are always available for pastoral care. Please feel free to drop by or better yet call to make sure we are available. We'd love to see you!

Coffee with Pastor

Join us on Thursday, September 28th at 3:00 pm for Coffee with Pastor. Our program will be our own Youth and Family Ministry Director Danny Stone who will share details of the recent Mission Trip. Come at 1:00 pm to roll bandages for Africa. We look forward to seeing you!

God's Work Our Hands: The Results!

I want to thank everyone that made this day a success! It was an eventful day and we had lots of service projects. We did:

- 8 blankets for animals at Cedar Valley Humane Society
- 84 Hygiene kits for Waypoint and Iowa Veterans Home
- 124 pints of cherry tomatoes picked for Feed Iowa First
- 64 Cards made for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
- Lettuce seeds were planted in raised gardens for Feed Iowa First
- Invasive vines at Squaw Creek Park were cut down.

Thanks again everyone!

Christy Pratt and Social and Concerns Committee

9th Grade Confirmation

Here is the upcoming schedule for the 9th Graders preparing for Confirmation:

Sept-Oct: Meet 7-8:00 pm in Family Center



Will complete faith statement, choose Bible verse and create banner.

Sunday, October 22nd—Immediately following 10:45 am worship we will have confirmation rehearsal and lunch.

Sunday, October 29th at 9:15 am—We will take pictures in the sanctuary and **10:45 am** will be worship with Confirmation Rite.

October Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, October 21st . From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is “Captain Underpants” (PG) or for Middle School and older in the Youth Room we have “Wonder Woman” (PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is “Queen of the Desert” (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!



October Youth & Family Event

Join us for a Family Outing to Bloomsbury Farm on Sunday, October 8th at 2:00 pm. We will carpool from Faith Lutheran leaving at 2:00 pm and return by 5:30 pm. Admission is \$10 per person. Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex if you plan to attend. Adult drivers are always needed to help carpool. Our rain date is October 15th.



WNL

Wednesday, Sept. 20th WNL with Women's team for cooking and clean-up.

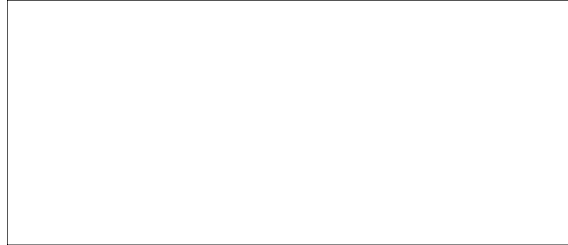
Wednesday, Sept 27th—WNL with HS team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Oct. 4th —WNL with 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

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.