



Secret of the Gospel of the Reformation

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in *The Cost of Discipleship*, writes: “It was not the justification of sin, but the justification of the sinner that drove Luther from the cloister back into the world. The grace he had received was costly grace. It was grace, for it was like **water on parched ground, comfort in tribulation, freedom from the bondage of a self-chosen way and forgiveness of all his sins.** And it was costly, for, so far from dispensing him from good works; it meant that he must take the call to the discipleship more seriously than ever before. It was grace because it cost so much, and it cost so much because it was grace. That was the secret of the gospel of the Reformation—the justification of the sinner.”

We celebrate the Reformation remembering God’s work through Jesus Christ who brings life and salvation to all who believe what he has promised. What is the promise? The gospel appointed for Reformation is John 8. Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “if you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Freedom is found in community as together we read God’s word, pray for God’s people and serve our neighbors. Come to worship, stay for fellowship, go make disciples!

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Peace,

Pastor John

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Milo Popp, Coreen Hein, Joyce Smith.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for more baby prayer shawls as our supply has dwindled. These may be 40" x 40" and can be knitted or crocheted. If interested, please contact Lori Tweeton at churndash2008@yahoo.com.

The Marion Food Pantry needs donations! Peanut butter, instant or canned potatoes, canned fruit, pastas, rice, soups, toilet paper, and other hygiene items including shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, hand soap. Please help those in need in our community.

Scouting for Food bag distribution will take place on 10/27 & 10/28 with pick up on 11/3.

Confirmation will take place on Sunday, October 28th at 9:00 am. On Sunday, October 21st from 11:30-1:30 pm we will have a mandatory rehearsal with reading of the Faith statements and meal to follow.

All Saints Sunday

For all the saints who from their labors rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, your name of Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 4th. Once again, we will be honoring those "saints" in our lives who have died and now serve God in heaven.

Those remembered may be a family member, friend or other special person. If you would like to participate, please fill out a sheet on the welcome table and return it to Jen by Wednesday, October 31st. . As part of the liturgy we will remember them by name and with a lighted candle.



Fellowship Events

Good Time Rollers (open to others) will have a bonfire and fellowship event at Gerlach's (352 Crandall Dr. NE, CR) on Friday, October 19th beginning at 6:30 pm. Maid Rites and chips along with hot cocoa and smore's will be provided. Bring a snack to share and a lawn chair.

Parish Nurse

October is Breast Cancer awareness month. If you are older than 40, you should get a baseline mammogram if you are low risk and one every year after the age of 45. If you are high risk for this cancer, get a baseline mammogram at the age of 30 and get a one once a year. You may be eligible for a yearly MRI as well if you are high risk. If you are unable to pay, contact Especially for You at (319) 221-8889.



The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is November 11th after service in the Associate Pastor's office.

If you would like to talk to me, you can email Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 319.361.0445. All discussions are confidential.

Tearing Down Faith Farm

The tomatoes didn't fair to well this year. We need to take down the rebar and the twine before the mowing team can mow down the weeds in the farm area. If you have an hour to spare to help out, you can! Just put the rebar down on the side of the shed and the twine can go into the garbage. Next spring we will put up the fabric that is buried in the weeds. Thank you for all of your support in this project!

Upcoming Adult Education

Lenchen Raeside will be presenting a program on human trafficking on Sunday, **October 21st** during the Sunday school hour. Grab a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate and come back into the sanctuary to hear what is happening in our own community and country regarding trafficking. We are at a crossroads where it is easy for a child or young person to be abducted. **YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!** This is for adults and children 5th grade and higher. Child care is provided.



November 3rd is the Women's Retreat at Faith. Alida Selim will be speaking about women in the Muslim faith.

We will start at 9:00 am and have a light lunch at 12:00pm. We tried to have this last year and Alida was ill and not able to be with us.



Please sign up on the blue sheet on the activity table so we know how many we will have for lunch. Let's have a great morning!

Semi-Annual Meeting

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 10:15 am. Please make plans to attend.



SEMI-ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

October Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, October 20th From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Hotel Transylvania 3" (PG) or for Bigger kids & Middle School in the Middle School room we have "Jurassic World- Fallen Kingdom" (PG-13).

For Middle School & Older in the Youth Room we have "Solo" (PG-13).

The Grown Up Pick is "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again"

(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



Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, Oct 17th—WNL w/ Women's team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Oct 24th—WNL Worship w/HS team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Oct 31st —NO WNL

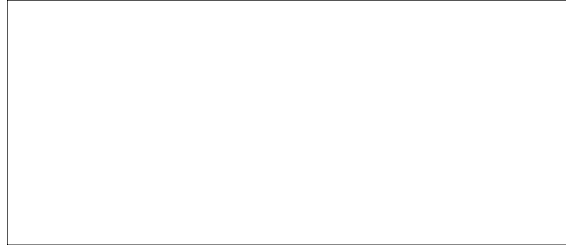
Wednesday, Nov 7th —WNL with Men's team for cooking and clean-up.





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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

9:00 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.