



Waiting

“Stir up your power O Lord and Come.”

This ancient prayer calls for action.

We pray for God’s kingdom to come, “on earth as it is in Heaven.”

What does this mean? Luther’s explanation of the Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer says: “God’s kingdom comes indeed without our praying for it, but we ask in this prayer that it may come also to us.

When does this happen? “God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and live a godly life on earth now and in heaven forever.”

Waiting is a central theme in the season of Advent, but waiting doesn’t mean sitting around as if waiting for a bus. Waiting is intentional for while we wait we pray for God’s will to be done and we do God’s will as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the baby Jesus.

In worship we prepare by lighting the candles of the Advent wreath.

We prepare by dressing the Christmas tree.

We prepare in song as we listen to the choir Celebration: “Night of the Father’s Love.”

We prepare by confessing, praying, feasting on the Word and Holy Sacrament and showing God’s love to our neighbor.

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May God’s kingdom come to you this season of Advent as together we “wait for the Lord!”

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Pastor Roger McKinstry, Rusty Moore, Wes Dautremont, Milo Popp.

Adult Nurture will host an event on December 2nd at to the National Czech and Slovak Library and Museum. Faith group will car pool from church leaving at 2:00 pm. Allow 2 hours. Groups over 10 people \$8, Veterans \$5.

The Men's Breakfast will be WEDNESDAY, December 5th at 9:00 am.

Coffee with Pastor will have our annual Christmas Party & gift exchange on Thursday, December 13th at 1:00 pm in the family center. Please bring a \$5 gift and a plate of cookies or treats to share.

Parish Nurse

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is Dec 9th after service in the Associate 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!

Upcoming Adult Education

December 2nd—Join us at Sunday School time as Pastor Wendell

Debner will teach the adult class on Advent reflections. Did you know that Advent is basically a time of transition between the end of one liturgical year and the beginning of the next?

We will be using three sources of information in the reflective process: culture, experience and tradition. Come and learn more about this important time of Advent.

December 9th, CPA Dave Koch will present an informational session during Sunday School hour on tax law.



Giving Opportunities

Help and donations are needed as Faith Lutheran will be supporting a few local organizations that help local people this holiday season.

First, we have been asked by Marion Senior Living to help make Christmas a little brighter for their residents by providing \$20 gift cards for Hy-Vee, Fareway or Wal-mart. Cards can now be dropped in the collection plate or brought to the church office **by the end of November**.

We still have 18 Angel Tree tags remaining! Please grab a tag, sign up on the clipboard and purchase your suggested item for a local child in need. All gifts need to be returned to the church office by Sunday, December 9th. Thank you in advance for making the Christmas a little brighter for some local members of our community.

Faith Lutheran Shirt Sales

Faith Lutheran is once again having a sale of Faith Lutheran logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, polos, fleece pullovers, beanie hats. Forms are in your mailbox. All items and colors are located online at ssactivewear.com. Orders must be placed by Wednesday, November 28th and will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 16th. These will make a perfect Christmas present! Complete the order form and place form and check in Amy Sagan's church mailbox #162. For questions please call Amy at 350-2076 or yellowamv@hotmail.com

Christmas Cantata

Join us on Sunday, December 16th at 9:00 am as our Faith Lutheran Choir presents "Night of the Father's Love" by Pepper Choplin. They will dedicate this performance to the memory of Loren Netz. Please plan to stay following the Cantata for a brunch in the Family Center.

Cookie Walk

We need your help to make our annual cookie walk a success. Start looking through recipe books and find that favorite cookie or candy recipe that you love to share during the holidays. Then sign up to donate 6 dozen of that recipe. Spread the word to your family and friends that they need to save the date:

Saturday, December 8th from 9:00 am—11:00 am for our Cookie Walk.

Cost is \$5.00 per dozen.

If you are interested in helping with the organizing of this event or have some fabulous ideas on how to help make this event a success, please contact the Osbeck family or Danny Stone as we are always looking for people to join our team.



Special thanks to Faith's Thrivent Action team for their support.

Senior High Overnight

Faith invites our Senior High and recent grads back to church for a fun overnight of "Shenanigans" on Friday, December 28th from 8:00 pm to Saturday, December 29th at 8:00 am.

Please bring \$5 for pizza and breakfast, snacks to share, board games and video games. Adults are needed to share the fun. Sign up at Faith's welcome table or on Facebook by December 27th.



Youth Christmas Parties

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Christmas Parties.

Middle School will be Sunday, December 9th beginning from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please bring a small wrapped (unisex) \$7-\$10 present for the gift exchange.

The High School Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 16th beginning from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please bring a small wrapped (unisex) \$7-\$10 present for the gift exchange.



Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, Nov. 28th –WNL w/ HS for cooking and clean up

Wednesday, Dec 5th –WNL WORSHIP with Men's team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Dec. 12th—WNL w/ Women's team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Dec. 19th —WNL w/ HS for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Dec. 26th —No WNL

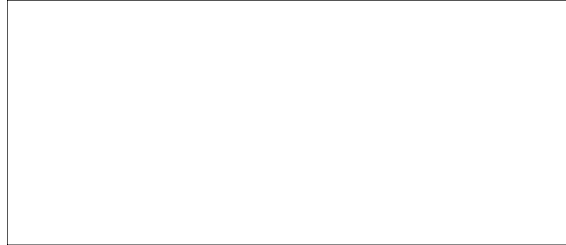
Wednesday, Jan. 2nd —WNL w/Men's team for cooking and clean-up.





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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

Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 24th

5:30 pm– Candlelight Worship

9:00 pm–Candlelight 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.