



## Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!

This greeting may seem out of place. It's Holy Week. Easter is still a few days away. And yet every Sunday is Easter. In order to experience Easter, we must walk the way of the cross. This journey we call the Great Three Days or the Triduum. The service begins on Holy Thursday with the words of Jesus: "A new commandment I give to you to love one another." The central action of this service is Holy Communion. A recent tradition at Faith is the Mime service, a reenactment of the life of Jesus. The service then moves to Good Friday. On Good Friday, we stand silent before a bare chancel, recognizing again the stark reality of Jesus death for "us and for our salvation." Easter evening we hold "Vigil" as we participate in a series of readings moving us from the darkness of Lent to the Good News of Easter, "Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed." In the Vigil service we experience a return to our baptism, we taste the life giving elements of Holy Communion, and we hear the proclamation of the empty tomb.

Truly, Holy Week is a gift. In the midst of our busy lives, we are given the opportunity to "keep watch" with our Lord as he travels the lonely road to Calvary. We are given opportunities for silent contemplation and adoration, for examination and confession, for prayer and absolution.

Luther in his toughest moments wrote, "Vivit, vivit." He lives, He lives. When asked what this meant to him, he said, "Jesus my savior lives. If he would not live, I would not live, I would not dare to live one hour longer, for since he lives we shall live through him, for he said, "Because I live you shall live also."

I encourage you to participate in all the services of Holy Week since really they are one worship service. Participation enables us to experience death to life, condemnation to pardon, alienation to community.

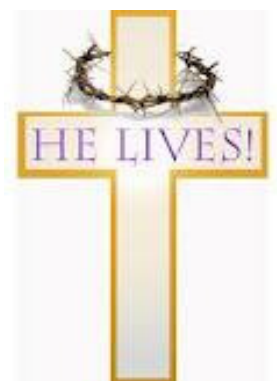
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The powerful movement of Holy Week prepares us for the richness of Easter. In the Good News of Easter we are invited to step into the "new day" promise of abundant life here and hereafter.

Blessed Easter,

Pastor John Albertson



## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Betty Carsner, Josh Hopkins, Jean Grimm, Donna Trumblee, Jim Herrington, Margaret Amlin, Eric Blesie, Jean Reynolds, Pard Keith, Aaron Fader, son-in-law of Hein's, Matt Cook, son-in-law of Mariann & Pard Keith, father of Jim Radig, Penny Ripley's grandmother, Bonnie Plumb mother of Cheryl Hollestelle, Deb Zumbach's father, Catherine Dytrt's Great Grandniece Maeve Anderson.

**Join us for games/social time** on Thursday, March 29th at 1:00 pm. All are welcome!

**The church office will be closed** on Easter Monday, April 9th.

**The Men's SEED team** will fold newsletters and have their traditional breakfast on Tuesday, April 10th.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet** on Wednesday, April 11th at 1:30 pm.

**Church Clean Up Day:** We will be getting a dumpster and doing some spring cleaning around the church and out in the garage. We set aside Saturday, April 14th at 8:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help get the work done! Please mark this date on your calendar. Many hands make light work!

### Faith's 35th Anniversary

We'll celebrate 35 years of ministry with a potluck luncheon on Sunday, April 22nd from noon—four. We'll supply the mega-cake, you bring a dish to share.

We are collecting pictures from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's for a slideshow celebration of our ministry. Mark your calendars, it won't be the same without YOU!



### Holy Week Schedule

**Wednesday, April 4th**—Mime Performance @ 7:30 pm. (Choir Practice at 6:30 pm)

**Thursday, April 5th**—Maundy Thursday Worship @ 7:00 pm

**Friday, April 6th**—Good Friday Worship @ 7:00 pm with Prayer Vigil from 8:00 pm—12:01 am (see following notes)

**Saturday, April 7th**—No 5:30 pm Worship Easter Vigil Service @ 9:00 pm

**Sunday, April 8th**—Easter Worship @ 8:00 am & 10:45 am. Easter breakfast sponsored by the HS Youth at 9:15 am.

### Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Immediately following the Good Friday worship service the sanctuary will remain open for those who wish to pray. Stay as long as you wish. The sanctuary will remain open until 12:01 Saturday morning.

Bring your own prayer materials with you or use the prayers in the front of the hymnal as a guide. The benefits of this opportunity are an uninterrupted time with God. A chance to reflect on life's challenges and blessings and a time to focus on the future when all will be made new.



## Sunday School Lenten Project



This year our Sunday School Lenten Project will support Waypoint Services in Cedar Rapids. Waypoint Services for Women, Children and Families continues to serve as a community resource, providing shelter and support to individuals who are in crisis due to homelessness, poverty, domestic violence or sexual assault. Waypoint is also providing quality child care to over 600 children daily.

Week 6(4/1): Waypoint's Top Needs: pasta, soup, canned meat, mac-n-cheese, pb, sanitary napkins, deodorant, toothpaste & toothbrushes. **It's our final week so let's all pitch in and bring some items to fill their shelves!**

## Vacation Bible School

It's going to be a great year at Faith for VBS and Day Camp! Mark your calendars for July 9th—13th as we are planning for a fantastic new program. Our next VBS planning meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm. At this meeting we will discuss our new curriculum and begin the planning process. All are welcome and encouraged to come and be a part of the excitement! See Traci Berquam for questions.



## WNL Spring Calendar

March 28—WNL

April 4—No WNL (Holy Week)

April 11— WNL

April 18—WNL

April 25— New Member Visitation

May 2—Graduating Senior Celebration & Worship

May 9— Final WNL



## Mime

As is our tradition at Faith, our youth will be performing their Mime tribute once again during Holy Week. This year it will be held on Wednesday, April 4th at 7:30 pm in the Faith Family Center.

Make plans to attend this moving portrayal of the life of Jesus.



## Wednesday Night Live

**Wednesday, March 28th**—With team # 1 (Women) for cooking and clean up

**Wednesday, April 4th**—No WNL—Holy Week.

**Wednesday, April 11th**—WNL with team # 2 for cooking and clean-up.

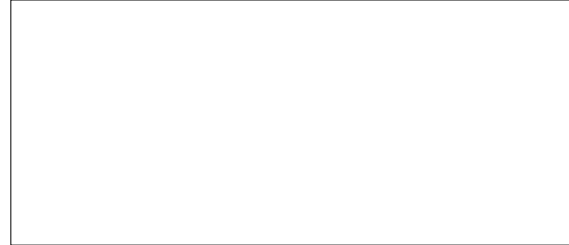
**Wednesday, April 18th**—With Team # 3 for cooking and clean-up



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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 at 5:30 pm  
Sundays at  
8:00 am & 10:45 am

### Sunday School

Sundays at  
9:10 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.*

### Faith Lutheran Church Staff

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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.