



That's where YOU come in!

“For Unto You is born in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord---Remember You are dust and to dust You shall return!”

These are sober thoughts to ponder during the season of Epiphany, the season of the star of wonder, amazement and joy over the event of the manger. Sober thoughts as You move from the star to the season of Lent, the time of reflection, confession and repentance.

The key word in both statements is You. “Unto you is born and remember You are dust”. Jesus was born, lived, and died that You no longer need live in sin, You no longer need worry about your salvation.

Jesus earthly life came to an end on Good Friday as he died on the cross. He handed over his earthly ministry to his mother and the beloved disciple. After many years of teaching, healing, feeding and rescue he cried from the cross “It is finished.”

The Church was born to serve the needs of others, to carry on the work of the Messiah, to spread the message of love and grace and acceptance to all who will hear.

That's where You come in. Epiphany celebrates the fact that the magi were Gentiles, not Jews and therefore the festival celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ to the whole world. Now salvation is for everyone. You are enlisted to tell the story...feed the hungry...minister to the sick... Now You are Christ's hands and feet, mouth and movement.

“I have seen the Lord!” Baptized by the Holy Spirit You go into the world in Jesus name.

The response to the Advent/Christmas food drive is but one positive example of this congregation's commitment to Jesus command. Covid or not there is work to be done in Jesus name and You have been enlisted for the task!

“God called You, ‘My beloved Son’;
You are God's servant true,
Sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do. (ELW 304)
Peace,
Pastor John Albertson

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Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Char Jacobson.

We express our condolences to Gordie Anderson on the passing of Diane.

We also express our condolences to Kelly Strait and family on the passing of her mom, Barb.

We express our condolences to Karen Cain and family on the passing of her Dad, Jack.

Lectors needed!

Hello fellow faith members, Angie Miglia is looking for lectors who would like to read for our virtual services in February. If anyone is interested please let her know at akmigs@yahoo.com. Here are the lector recording guidelines:

Recording using a modern cell phone is easiest for uploading. Yes, that old flip phone won't work. If using a camera, record at 720p.

To ease uploading and transferring, record each reading as a separate video file. If you don't want to be on video, you can record audio.

Record in landscape with your head and torso in the frame. Watch for items in the background that might distract from the worship service.

Email video files to youth@faithlutheran.org by Wednesday of each week. You can also upload files to a cloud service and email the link to Danny.

If you have any questions, call, email, text or DM Danny. 319.743.5990 youth@faithlutheran.org



The
Word
of God

Parish Nurse Notes

The Covid-19 vaccine is here and will be given to highest risk persons first, then the general public. It is safe and the CDC recommends every adult to receive it. It will be given in 2 dose intervals, 21 days apart. Until the vaccine is readily available and the general public is able to receive the vaccine, we need to still wear our masks every time we are out, social distance and 20 second hand wash or use hand sanitizer if unable to wash hands. Great job to everyone in doing this, we are almost out of the woods!



Special thanks to people for wearing a mask and social distancing while we were together. Please continue to wear a mask every time you are out and social distance, stay home if you think or if you are sick. Also, to self isolate anytime you think or if you are exposed to covid-19 until you are able to be tested. You can call your doctor or go through Test Iowa at <https://www.testiowa.com> to get tested for covid-19. Testing is also being done at some Hy-Vee and Walgreens locations. Call first before you go. Testing is also available at the GS Labs at 685 Marion Blvd. It is rapid test and cost around \$100. Insurance may or not cover. Stay safe everyone!

Blood is always in short supply during this pandemic. If you are able to donate you may make an appointment with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center at 319-377-4355 or <https://www.bloodcenter.org/>



STAYING CONNECTED DURING COVID-19

Feed Iowa First 2020 Recap

Distribution was 48,600 pounds of produce distribute no cost to the Cedar Rapids Metro community. This is an increase of 20,000 pounds from 2019. Weekly distribution included 8 pantries and 7 direct-to-families sites.

Faith Lutheran donated 2,529.55 lbs of produce- 76% zucchini, 10% peppers, 9% sweet corn and 5% hot peppers. We were one of the highest producing urban farm sites, thanks to the zucchini! There were 24 urban farm sites in the Cedar Rapids Metro area. There were 5,200 recorded volunteer hours logged for field, shop and distribution throughout these sites.

There were 25,289 lbs of produce donated from local farms, urban gardeners and gleaned from local farms for distribution through Feed Iowa First.



Offering Envelopes

2021 Offering Envelopes are available on the welcome table in the narthex. Stop in and pick yours up while Jen is in the office Wed-Fri 7:00 am—3:00 pm.

Gathering Again

The Regathering Committee along with the Church Council has made the decision to return to online worship for the foreseeable future.

Any questions? Feel free to contact:
Pastor John, Danny Stone, Deb Aldrich,
Christy Pratt, Mike Dautremont

Generous: The quality of being kind



Shout out to Ethan Pratt who celebrated his 10th by asking for Pajamas for foster kids in need. He collected 80 pair! Way to go and what a generous spirit.

Ethan donated to :
Families Helping Families of Iowa
3516 Center Point Rd NE • Cedar Rapids,
IA 52402-5525 • 319-294-9706
office@fhfia.org

Churches of Marion Food Pantry

The Reverse Advent Calendar food drive was a great success! We collected approximately 20 totes of food for the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. Item may still be donated and be dropped off on Wed/Thurs/Friday from 7:00 am—3:00 pm outside the carport. **Special needs include: soup, canned fruit, and canned meat.**

Other Items to collect include:

*box of cereal *peanut butter* mac & cheese *canned tomatoes *tuna *dessert mix *jar of applesauce *canned sweet potatoes *canned beans *box of crackers *bag of rice *box of oatmeal *pasta *spaghetti sauce *cream of chicken/mushroom soup *tomato soup



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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.

ONLINE ONLY
Worship Sundays
9:00 am

Faith has been serving the Marion-Cedar Rapids area for more than forty years; supporting local ministries such as the Marion Churches Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and Marion Senior Living Community. We are in partnership with the 9,091 congregations, 26 Lutheran colleges and universities, 7 seminaries, 240 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 3.4 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.