



What's next?

Did you see it? The article about Wednesday Night Live at Faith in the December issue of the Lutheran? It made me so PROUD to be called to this congregation. A people who COMMIT to ministry AND willingly adapt it so it is meaningful and lasting. WOW. YOU should all be proud! You're involved in this and many other great ministries of this congregation.

So as the newbie Pastor here, let me ask you this, Is the Holy Spirit encouraging you toward anything else? Please don't misunderstand me, Wednesday Night Live is wonderful as it is and I don't want it to end! But you are ALWAYS WELCOME to join in the activities of other groups at Faith from Coffee with Pastor to the Worship Band to Teaching Sunday School and everything in between!

Also, is there another area of ministry (within the church or outside it) to which you or this congregation might be called? I know you as a people of passionate faith, hardworking commitment, and joy in Christ. I've seen so many beautiful, varied gifts and talents among you. So I ask, "Is there a stirring in your individual or communal heart?"

You might be reading this and thinking, "Hey! That's why you & Pastor John are here – to be ministers." True, true. But in the Lutheran faith we believe that ideas rising up from the interest and passion of the congregation *also* makes for meaningful, lasting ministry. How might you start (or re-start) something at Faith? Not a 'to-do' list for the pastors, but a ministry, a calling of this people that responds to a passion or a need that *you* might be willing and able to lead?

Please pray about this. Talk about your ideas with us and one another. Remember, the answer to your prayer and consideration might be 'no.' As in: there is not another area to

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Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Barb Roggow, Milo Popp, Ruth Warren, Anne Thielking, Richard Johnson, brother-in-law of Dick Hein, Martha Watkins; Spencer Carver brother of Bailey Freese; Annette Mohling's brother, Lyle; Merrick friend of Jean Dunn.

The Marion Food Pantry would like us to collect pasta for January. This can be canned pasta (Spaghetti-O's, etc.), or boxed pasta. If you would like to donate sauce, it should not be in glass jars (just cans or plastic). They can also donate macaroni and cheese.

Please refrain from parking in front of either of the garages.

The new 2016 Flower Chart is up and ready for members to reserve their special dates to donate flowers in honor of a special occasion or person or in memory of a loved one that has passed.

Flower Coordinator is Coreen Hein 377-4955 and she would be happy to help answer any questions. Flowers are not allowed in the sanctuary during Lent.

New Directory Coming 2016!

We are very excited to announce we will be creating a new Church Photo Directory this year! Please mark your calendars and be planning for our photography dates during the week of April 4-8th. There is nothing for you to do right now, we just want to announce the dates and let our members know of this great opportunity for family pictures and a wonderful resource for our Church Family. Stay tuned!



Men's Book Study

Saturday mornings from 8:00 am—10:00 am in the library. A new class opportunity begins February 20th and continues through March 19, We will share donuts and coffee and discuss a book. This year we will be reading, "The Boys in the Boat". This study is open to all men of FLC. Copies of the book are available on the welcome table in the narthex. See Pastor John for any questions.

Annual Meeting of Congregation

Our Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Faith Lutheran Church will take place on Sunday, January 24th at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Check your mailbox for the Capital Campaign information to be discussed at the Annual Meeting and make plans to attend this important business meeting of our Congregation.

Congregational Meeting



From the Faith Lutheran Staff:

Many thanks for all the wonderful cards, gifts and special holiday treats that you brought to us this Christmas. We are so blessed to have been thought of and remembered in such generous and meaningful ways!

Confest 2016

Confirmation Students: Sign Up Now for ConFest! On February 21, we'll join other confirmation students from our area for an afternoon of learning+service+fun+worship. We'll carpool to Ely for this synod wide event and return in the early evening. Sign up now on the welcome table in the narthex and see Pastor Amy for questions.

Upcoming Summer Youth Dates

The Annual Confirmation Canoe Trip will take place on June 13th-17th. Eligible kids will receive a letter in the mail with more details from Pastor John.

Additionally, we set aside a week at EWALU itself for members to send their kids to camp in Strawberry Point for one of the various themed camping opportunities. June 26-July 1st Faith Youth and Family Ministry Directory, Danny Stone will be at camp all week participating in all the camp fun. More information will follow and see Danny for a list of the different age groups and interests available all summer at EWALU.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Vacation Bible School and EWALU Day Camp dates for the 2016 year. July 11-15 have been selected for our week of fun, friendship and Faith.

Attention all Adults, College and High School students: We have planned a special Urban Exchange Mission Trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 25 to July 31st. The Urban Exchange is a safe place to come and experience the city of Milwaukee and all that it has to offer. Come and share your gifts as we share ours and we learn together courageous ways to be God's agents of love in the world. Cost is \$250 per person and includes meals, housing, transportation and entertainment. A \$100 deposit is due by March 1st to reserve your place. See Danny for more details.

Youth & Family Ministries

Our January YFMT event will be a sledding party at Bowman Wood Hill on Sunday, January 24th from 2:00-4:00 pm. Meet at the hill with your sled, tube, warm clothes and big smiles. We'll come back to Faith for hot cocoa and snacks.



Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, January 23rd. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Hotel Transylvania 2" (PG) or for bigger kids in the Youth Room we have "Minions" (PG). The Grown Up Pick is "A Walk in the Woods" (R) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or care giver)

Then the Senior High Youth have 2 options from 9:00-11:00 pm including "Ant-Man" in the Family Center (PG-13) and "Maze Runner the Scorch Trials" (PG-13) in the Youth Room. Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks, come and join the fun, family night!

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, Jan. 13th— WNL with Women's team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Jan. 20th— WNL with HS Team for cooking and clean-up.

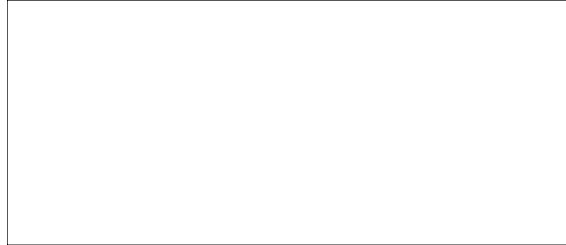
Wednesday, Jan. 27th— WNL Worship with Men's team for cooking and clean-up.





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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.

Saturdays

5:30 pm– Worship

Sundays

8:00 am & 10:45 am –Worship

Sunday School for all Ages

Children

9:10 am in the Sanctuary

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.