



## Ordination

Intern Pastor Jeff Geiger has accepted a call and will be ordained at Faith on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 2:00pm.

He has been called to the Western Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and to Bethany Lutheran in Spencer, Iowa. Jeff and his family have already moved and Jeff has begun his work at the church.

What is ordination anyway? Ordination is the public recognition that celebrates the candidate's approval to be ordained in the ELCA. The "call" comes from the Holy Spirit working in the church to bring candidate and congregation together. Once the match has been made the service is set and the candidate becomes pastor. This is a long process. Four years of seminary training, one of which is internship, then the interview and acceptance of the call. Jeff has asked Faith to host his ordination. This is a joyous event that I hope you will all consider attending.

Why do we have pastors anyway? The simple answer is to maintain good order in the church. Pastors are called. The charge of the candidate is the charge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: "Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, the creeds and confessions? Will you be diligent in your study of scripture? Pray for God's people, nourish them with the Word and Holy Sacraments, lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living? The response: "I will and I ask God to help and guide me."

This call is a partnership between the Pastor and church. It is made in faith and trust as a response of the Holy Spirit's calling. The ordination is for life, the call is mutual between the pastor and congregation.

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Pray for Jeff, for our new Intern Dennis, for all pastors and workers in the church as they in turn pray and serve Jesus Christ on your behalf.

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for Joyce Smith.**

Darlene Blankenburg, Dolores Holecek, Taylor Reinhart (brother-in-law of Deb Bell-Geiser, Penny White, Richard Hill, Pastor Roger McKinstry, Harriet Instefjord (mother of Connie Bulman), Ian Kendall, grandson of Marlene Pasker, Maximillian, nephew of Peggy Wittmer.

**We express our sympathy to the family of LaVon Trumblee** on this passing. Services will be held here on January 25th at 1:00 pm.

**Our own Troop 360 will be having** their annual Pancake Breakfast here at Faith on Saturday, February 15th from 7:00 am—11:00 am. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids 5-17 and under 4 free. Come out and support our local troop!

## Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is February 9th after service in Intern Dennis's office.

Our monthly Healthy Faith Incentive is being active for 30 minutes a day out of 5 days a week. Why being active so important and why we can't sit in a chair all day? I know, sitting all day is so much easier than doing active things. Being active is like an anti-inflammatory. The muscles are working when we are active, causing a natural anti-inflammatory throughout our body. When we are not active, the muscles aren't working, causing stiffness, soreness and they become inflamed. Being active for minimum of 30-60 minutes a day, or doing 10,000 steps a day, will decrease that inflammation. Start thinking of being active as taking a natural ibuprofen or Tylenol and not another chore.

If you would like to talk to me, you can e-mail Christy Pratt at [parish-](mailto:parish-nurse@faithchurch.org)



## Beginnings

Join us on Sunday, February 2nd for the installation of the new council: Steph Kubik-Vice President, Deb Aldrich-Director of Worship, Sue Tweeton-Director of Adult Nurture, Becky Kelsey –Treasurer during worship. We also will be formally welcoming Intern Dennis Rodenberg at the Service of Beginning that will also take place that morning.

## Marion Churches Food Pantry

If you would like to volunteer some of your time at the Marion Food Pantry on a Tuesday or a Thursday, please contact June McCoy at 361-4618. Volunteers work mostly once a month on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Some choose more often. Volunteer sessions run between 2 and 2 1/2 hours. From 1-3 pm, one can: bag groceries, control a waiting line, or do office work-check client qualifications. In the mornings, there are shelf stocking, or even shopping opportunities, if you drive a hauler.

We are also still taking food donations for the pantry. You may drop off any items at anytime. Please be sure that any items you drop off are non-perishable and have not past their expiration dates. Thank you for your support of our neighbors in our community.

## Directories are In!

Check your church mailbox for the new directories! They have arrived and are in the smaller format for convenience. If you had your photo taken or submitted for our directory in October then you have one in your mailbox. Thank you for your participation! Jen :)



## Faith Lutheran Reads

Thanks to all who signed up for the Faith Lutheran Reads book, *Love Without Limits*. The Faith Lutheran Reads books are in! If you haven't received your copy of *Love Without Limits*, please see Deb Aldrich. The discussion date for those who have read the book is February 23, during the Sunday School hour.



## Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Faith Lutheran Church will take place this Sunday, January 26th immediately following 9:00 am worship in the Sanctuary. Make plans to attend this important business meeting of our Congregation.

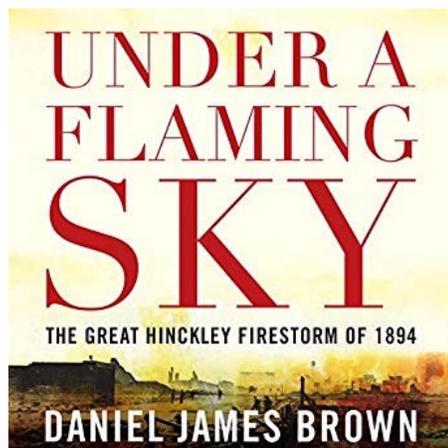
### Congregational Meeting



## Men's Book Study

Men's Book Study will meet on Saturdays from Feb 8th-April 4th from 9:00-10:30 am in the Library. We will read and discuss the book, "Under A Flaming Sky- The story of the Great Hinkley Fire-storm of 1894".

Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex if you would like to attend.



## Lenten Midweek

Looking ahead to Lent:

Ash Wednesday Worship will take place on Wednesday, February 26th. There will be no WNL but please plan to join us for worship at 7:00 pm.

Midweek lenten worship begins on Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 pm in the Family Center with our soup supper and worship to begin at 7:00 pm.



## LENT

## January Youth Activity

Our January Youth and Family Ministries Event will be dependent on the weather. If possible, we will be sledding at Bowman Woods School on Sunday, January 26th at 2:00 pm. Dress warmly and bring your sleds and meet there. If there's no snow, then bring your favorite board game and come for some fun and snacks at the Faith Lutheran Family Center. See Danny for questions.



## Wednesday Night Live

**Wednesday, Jan 22nd** –WNL w/Women for cooking and clean up.

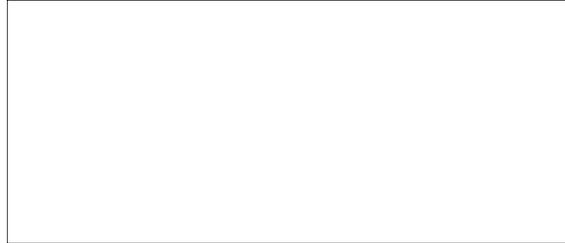
**Wednesday, Jan. 29th**—WNL w/ Men's team for cooking and cleanup.

**Wednesday, Feb 5th** –WNL Worship w/ HS 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.*

#### Faith Lutheran Church Staff

**John A. Albertson**

Senior Pastor

**Jen Heinsius**

Secretary

**Diane Lehtinen**

Choir Director

**Dennis Rodenberg**

Pastoral Intern

**Daniel Stone**

Director of Youth and Family Ministry

**Christy Pratt**

Parish Nurse

#### Faith Lutheran Church Council Members

**David Ripley**

President

**Stephanie Kubik**

Vice President

**Deb Bell Geiser**

Secretary

**Becky Kelsey**

Treasurer

**Dave Koch**

Financial Secretary

**Sue Tweeton**

Director of Adult Nurture

**Debra Aldrich**

Director of Worship

**Dustin & Jenny VansCoy**

Directors of Youth

**Barb & Chris Thompson**

Director of Fellowship

Director of Witness

**Mike Dautremont**

Director of Facilities

**Teresa Wilkes**

Director of Youth Nurture

**Christy Pratt**

Director of Social Concerns

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.