



Lutheran Belief and Practice

Pastor's Class February 2021

“No matter how fancy and metaphysical a doctrine sounds, it was a human experience first. The doctrine of the divinity of Christ, for instance. The place it began was not the electric typewriter of some fourth-century Greek theologian but the experience of basically untheological people who had known Jesus of Nazareth and found something happening to their lives which had never happened before.

Unless you can somehow participate yourself in the experience that lies behind a doctrine, simply to subscribe to it doesn't mean much. Sometimes, however, simply to subscribe to a doctrine is the first step toward experiencing the reality that lies behind it.” Frederick Buechner.

I invite you to explore with me the study of Lutheran Beliefs and Practices. “What do we confess as essential? Why are rubrics important? There is a reason why we do what we do! This will be offered on You Tube and Face Book, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning February 3. We will explore Luther's Catechism, The Book of Concord and other important sources for the Lutheran understanding of God and life. I invite you to submit questions that interest you concerning the study and I will try to answer them at the beginning of each class session. Will you join me?

“As a deer craves running water I thirst for you, my God.” Ps.42:2

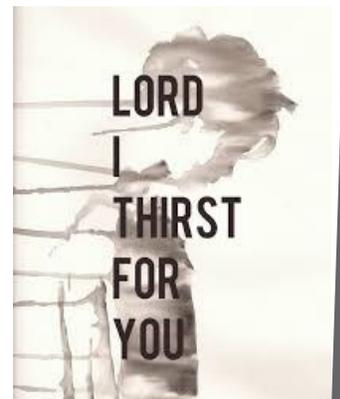
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Peace,

Pastor John

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Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Char Jacobson, Larry Lehtinen.

Lector Opportunities

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.

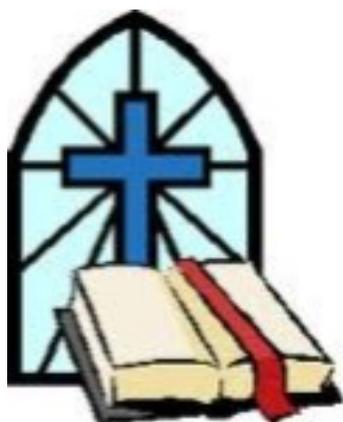
Record in landscape with your head and torso in the frame. Watch for items in the background that might distract from the worship service. Please stand while reading. Be calm and read at a slow and steady pace.

Introduce each reading by saying: A reading from...

Conclude each reading by saying: The word of the Lord.

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



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/>



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

Donations Needed

The Churches of Marion Food Pantry needs donations year round for people in our community. We are still collecting food items. 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-

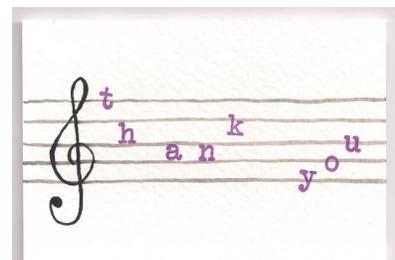
Thanks to our Musicians!

The Worship Committee would like to thank the wonderful array of musicians who offered their gifts of music for the Christmas Eve service. Many people have commented on how special and meaningful their music made our virtual worship that night. The following musicians participated:

Max Thompson piano
Mackenzie Thompson piano
Katie Barnidge violin
Lesley Fleer oboe
Marcelle Strait piano
Issy Stone trumpet
Steve Deines organ
Terri Radig piano
Barbara Koch piano

A special thanks goes to Barbara Koch, who organized this project of many parts, and to Danny Stone for putting together the variety

of files to make one, cohesive service. Thanks, and thanks again!





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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.