



## Follow Me

Jesus said to his disciples, “Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.” They didn’t ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed. Eugene Peterson’s translation, *The Message*.

To follow Jesus Christ is to be made new. The Christian is always and in every way being made new through the work of the Holy Spirit. In calling the Galilean fishermen to discipleship, Jesus does not just ask them to add one more task to their already busy lives; he calls them into new ways of being. When Simon and Andrew leave their nets, they leave a way of life. James and John not only leave their nets, but their father.

The wording is important. There is a big difference between “I will make you fish” and “I will make you become fishers.” “I will make you fish” gives us one more activity. “I will make you fishers,” that promises a whole new life.

Catching perch and bass is fleeting. Living as a disciple is eternal.

The new life we receive in baptism is one that is lived in faith and service, guided by the promises of the Gospel, supported by the community of believers and sustained by the sacraments.

Discipleship is not a task—it’s an identity, a lifelong process of being made new, serving our neighbor, and believing in Christ, come what may.

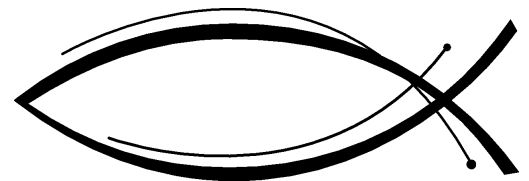
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Come and see then go and tell!

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Terry McCarthy, Crystal Tally Dye, Jim Welsch, Spencer Carver brother of Bailey Freese; Cindy Andrews mother of Stephanie Kubik; Bob Schunter's cousin, Roger; Jean Garlinghouse's son, Pete; Elverda Smith's son-in-law, Jim; Loren Netz's daughter, Marsha; Annette Mohling's mother, Alice; Merrick friend of Jean Dunn. Evelyn Johnson, mother of Sue Schunter.

**Our Parish Nurse, Christy Pratt will have a** blood pressure check on Saturday evening, January 31st following worship.

**We recently welcomed new members to** Faith. Welcome to: Stefanie Coselman & son, Johnnie, Adam Desenfants, Doris Gray, Daniel & Brooke Paulsen and Connor & Harper, Tyler & Bailey Freese, Dan & Teresa Wilkes and Ellie, Katie, Henry & Auggie. Please check out the new members pictures on the bulletin boards and your new member directory insert page in your mailbox.

**Social Concerns is collecting** soup and broth for the month of January. Please bring your items to church and they will be delivered to the Marion Food Pantry for distribution locally.

We thank everyone for the cards, prayers, memorials and words of comfort you have given us in Dick's illness and death. He was a special person and will be missed so much. Thanks to all who attended the visitation and funeral, furnished food and served the luncheon after the service.

A special thanks to Pastor John and Pastor Amy for their prayers and support.

Thank you,

Char Jacobson, Kris Davison,  
Dave Jacobson

## Fellowship Dinner & Games

Everyone is welcome to join us on Saturday, February 7th for a chili dinner and game night. Dinner will be served around 6:30pm following Saturday worship.

Game night will follow. Come for dinner and games, or just one. If you would like to join us for dinner, please sign up at the welcome table in the Narthex.



## Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to provide snacks and to clean up for Sunday fellowship time. If you are willing to donate 2 dozen snacks or a bit of time for clean up on a Sunday, please sign up at the table in the Narthex. Contact Amy Sagan for questions.



## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study Continues! Join us in February as we study the Gospel of Mark. Please bring your Bible. All women are welcome. Meeting times are the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:45 pm OR the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1 pm. Come for fellowship and faith. See Pastor Amy if you have any questions.

## Marion Churches Blood Drive

How often do you get a chance to save someone's life? Well, it happens every time you give blood. Please consider joining with the members of Ascension and Resurrection Lutheran Churches in donating blood to make our common goal of collecting at least forty units.

**When:** Tuesday, February 10th

**Where:** Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

**Time:** 2:00 pm—6:30 pm

Remember to eat a nutritious meal and hydrate at least 4 hours before donating. Also bring your photo ID. Donors must be at least 17 to donate and there is no upper age limit. Donors must be at least 110 lbs.

### Facts about Donated Blood:

- 1 out of 5 people entering the hospital need blood
- 20% of the donated blood goes to cancer patients
- 16% goes to people with heart disease
- 16% goes to people with gastro disease
- 12% to injuries



*“Blood is like a parachute..... if it's not there when you need it, it's too late.”*

**Contact Jen @ 377-9700 or sign up at church between services on the welcome table!**

## Boy Scout Sunday

**Attention all Faith Tiger Scouts, Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts and Scout Leaders:**

You are invited to wear your uniforms during worship on Sunday, February 8th as we honor you for your commitment and service at both services during the Children's Message. Please attend!

## Super Bowl Party

**Super Bowl Party  
February Fellowship Event  
February 1st, 5:00 - 9:00 PM**

If you love football, commercials, friends and great eats, we have an event for you. Join friends from Faith, for a Super Bowl Party on February 1st. Bring snacks and a hot dish to share. We will have TVs for casual viewing and serious football fans.



## EWALU

Staff from EWALU will be our guest on Sunday, February 15th. We will hear about summer programming, sing songs, meet new friends and get excited for camp. EWALU has events for all ages and Faith is working to get more involved.

Faith's week at camp is June 21 to 26. See Danny for more information. We have scholarships available and want all kids to go to camp. Day Camp and VBS is scheduled for July 6 to 10. Please mark your calendars.

## WNL

**Wednesday, Jan 28th**— WNL –Worship with the Men's team for cooking and clean-up.

**Wednesday, Feb 4th**— WNL with the Women's Team for cooking and clean-up

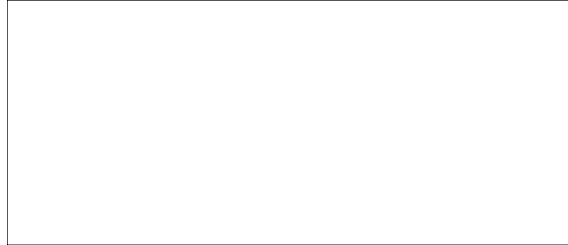
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*We are a community of Faith,  
growing in Christ, sharing God's love.*

## Worship Opportunities

All are welcome and invited to worship at Faith Lutheran Church.

### Worship Times

#### Saturdays

5:30 pm – Worship

#### Sundays

8:00 am – Worship

10:45 am – Worship

### Sunday School for All Ages

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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Associate Pastor

**Daniel Stone**  
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

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Bell Choir

**Christy Pratt**  
Parish Nurse

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**Bruce Tweeton**  
Director of Facilities

**Vicki Barnidge**  
Director of Youth Nurture

**Jeff Ausman**  
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.