



## Voices

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

The season of Lent begins with the Ash Wednesday worship on February 17 at 7:00 pm. The worship service will be available on YouTube or Facebook as usual this year. Individual packets of ashes, made from the palms of last year's Palm Sunday, are available on the welcome table in the narthex for you to take home and use at the appropriate time in the liturgy. Making the sign of the cross on the forehead with the words, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return," remind us of the shortness and uncertainty of human life. First marked in baptism, now marked in remembrance of Jesus death, we join Jesus as he makes his way to the cross. Focusing on sin yet believing in Jesus saving work we wait for the Resurrection announcement that calms our fears and enables us to carry on.

We will use ELW Night Prayer as our Mid-Week Liturgy. The offerings collected, each week, will go to EWALU Bible Camp.

The focus of each worship experience will be the use of five meaningful dialogues, offered by members of the congregation. The theme of the series is repentance and cleansing. You will hear from John the Baptist, Mary of Bethany, Amos, Mary Magdalene, and Marcus.

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May you be blessed by this experience so that you can be a blessing to others.

Peace,

Pastor John.

**WE ARE  
BLESSED  
TO BE A  
BLESSING  
TO OTHERS.**

## Faith Church News

**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.

## Lector Opportunities

Hello fellow faith members, Angie Miglia is looking for lectors who would like to read for our virtual services in March. If anyone is interested please let her know at [akmigs@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@faithlutheran.org)



## 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.

### Adults 65+

Starting 1/26/2021 for persons 65 & older

**I have a health care provider**  
Local providers with vaccine available will be contacting patients to help schedule appointments.

**I don't have a health care provider**  
Individuals without a health care provider can call 319-892-6097 for assistance with making an appointment for vaccine.



**Appointments are limited and anticipated to fill quickly. More appointment times will open when additional vaccine is available. Learn more:**



[www.linncounty.org/Vaccine](http://www.linncounty.org/Vaccine)



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 & Plasma Drive

# BLOOD DRIVE

## Marion Lutheran Churches Blood Drive

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
Fellowship Hall

Sign up online at [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) or contact your church's coordinator:

Bob Wolter - [hawk4vr@gmail.com](mailto:hawk4vr@gmail.com);  
Steve Ward - [satrains@msn.com](mailto:satrains@msn.com);  
Christy Pratt - [parishnurse@faithlutheran.org](mailto:parishnurse@faithlutheran.org)

**APPOINTMENTS AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

*Please note - If you have been diagnosed with and recovered from COVID-19, you will be eligible to donate whole blood again after you have been symptom free for 28 days.*



*\*In addition to the blood drive, if you have had COVID-19, your plasma is needed and will be collected at this drive. If interested in donating plasma during the drive, please let Christy Pratt 361-0445 know soon. There are a couple of things that need to happen before the day of the drive to donate plasma.*

## Pastor's Class

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 YouTube and Facebook, 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?

## 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:**

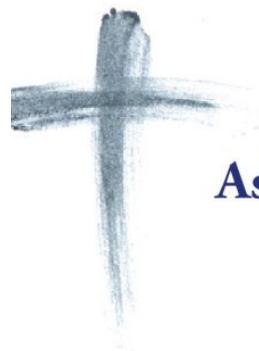
\*box of cereal \*peanut butter\* mac & cheese \*canned tomatoes \*tuna \*dessert mix  
\*jar of applesauce  
\*canned sweet potatoes \*canned beans \*box of crackers  
\*bag of rice \*box of oatmeal  
\*pasta \*spaghetti sauce  
\*cream of chicken/mushroom soup \*tomato



**Feeding the Community**

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**Ash Wednesday**  
— Lent Begins



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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**

**Ash Wednesday Worship**  
**February 17th**  
**7:00 pm**

*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.