



## Hear God's Word in New Ways

As someone who has always loved Lent, I hope that you will attend the mid-week Lenten worship services this year. I grew up in the tradition of Lenten soup supper and worship. The suppers were noisy, brightly light, full of fellowship, good food, and even some antics. At the appointed time, we walked a few feet away into the dimly lit sanctuary where we experienced a somber, sober worship, hymns in minor keys, and Bible readings. I loved both soup supper and worship, but I relished the contrast between the two. I still do!

This year I hope you'll regularly attend the Lenten soup suppers and worship here at Faith. I can promise you delicious soups, great conversation, and loving fellowship. At 7:00 pm worship we will sing the beautiful songs of Holden Evening Prayer. If you've not sung them before, the tunes are simple to learn and the words are powerful. Instead of sermons this year, I'm going to share Bible stories in the practice of Biblical storytelling. I really feel called to sharing the Bible in this way – making the Word come alive. Some of the stories are well known (The Good Samaritan) and some perhaps less so (Naaman the Layman). But all the stories share God's presence and promise with us. I pray this will be a blessing to you as you hear God's Word in new ways.

In Peace,

Pastor Amy



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### Sacred Silence

This Lenten season we will practice silence during worship. The Worship Committee is emphasizing this spiritual practice by having us keep silence during communion. During this time you are invited to pray, reflect, or rest in the presence of God.

## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Milo Popp, Ruth Warren, Dolores Holecek, 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.

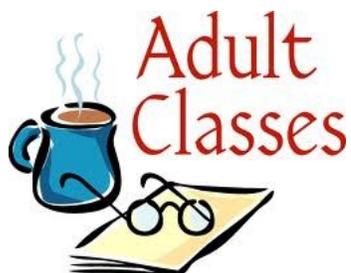
**For February and March**, we will be collecting fruit and protein items for the Marion Food Pantry. Fruit can be any variety of canned fruit or plastic jars of apple sauce. Protein can be canned beef stew, peanut butter, any canned meat (chicken, ham, Spam, ....) or canned salmon. They are asking us **not** to collect canned tuna because they can buy tuna very cheap from HACAP. Thanks for all your support with the pasta!

**Our local Troop 360 will be hosting** its annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, February 13th from 7-11:30 am. Adults are \$6 and Youth \$4 under 4 Free. Please support our troop!

### Adult Sunday School Opportunities

Pastor John is leading a class on Sundays in the library, "Love your Muslim Neighbor as Yourself". Join us at 9:15 am on Sundays and share a cup of coffee and lively discussion. This topic will be explored by using the DVD series from Living the Question, "The Jesus Fatah".

Join Bible 101 for a special study for the season of Lent! In the sanctuary between services, Pastor Amy will lead a study from ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger is a special emphasis for Faith Lutheran this Lenten seasons. We're raising awareness and giving our mid-week Lenten offerings to ELCA World Hunger. Come learn what the Bible has to say about hunger.



## 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. Sign up for an appointment time on the clipboard in the narthex.



**When:** Tuesday, February 15th

**Where:** Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

**Time:** 2:00 pm—6:30 pm

## Midweek Lenten Worship

Midweek Lenten Worship will begin on Thursday, February 18th and continue every Thursday until March 17th. We will have two worship opportunities each Thursday.

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am prior to our noon worship and our evening session starts with soup supper at 6:00 pm and worship will begin at 7:00 pm. If you are able to provide soup or bread for one of the suppers, please sign up in the narthex.



## Sunday Fellowship Snacks

Feel like baking, but don't want to keep all the treats around the house? How about bringing them in for Fellowship snacks on Sunday. There is a sign up in the narthex if you're interested in donating snacks.



## 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.

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. 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.

## Task Force Information

The "Building in Faith for Faith" Task Force met on Monday, February 8th. It was decided:

1. To move forward with the painting of narthex, sanctuary and family center.
2. To appoint committee chairs for active committees.

## Third Day Tickets

Third Day, a Christian rock band, will be performing along with Brandon Heath in Cedar Rapids at the Paramount Theater on Sunday, March 13th at 7:00 pm. We have 10 tickets available for purchase. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please sign up on the table in the narthex if you would like a ticket for this event. (Additional tickets may be available if we have more interest.)

## 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.

## Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, February 20th. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the family is "Pan" (PG) or for bigger kids in the Youth Room we have "Goosebumps" (PG). The Grown Up Pick in the library is "Martian" (PG-13) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or care giver)



Then the MS & older youth have 2 options from 9:00-11:00 pm including "Fantastic 4" (PG-13) and "Spectre" (PG-13). Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks.

## Wednesday Night Live

**Wednesday, Feb. 10th**— 7:00 pm : Ash Wednesday Worship—No WNL

**Wednesday, Feb. 17th**— WNL Worship with Scouts for Pancake meal.

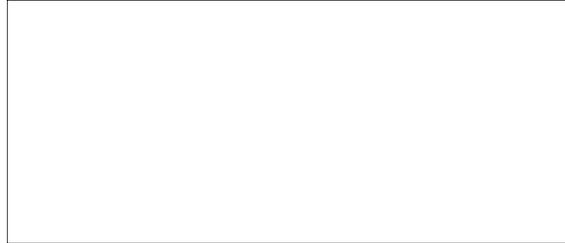
**Wednesday, Feb. 24th**— WNL with Women's team for cooking and clean-up.





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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.

### Saturdays

5:30 pm – Worship

### Sundays

8:00 am & 10:45 am – Worship

### Midweek Lenten Worship

#### Thursdays

Noon & 7:00 pm  
(Meals prior to worship  
@ 11:30 am & 6:00 pm)

### 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.*

### Faith Lutheran Church Staff

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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.