



Come Touch the Robe: Lent 2020

This Mid-week Lenten theme will guide us as we journey to the cross. Each Thursday, we gather at 6:00 pm for a simple supper of soup and bread followed by Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. Come Touch the Robe is the title of the choir cantata that will be offered on Palm Sunday. As we move through the season of lent, we will encounter stories of Jesus as the healer, the servant, and the Lord.

If you are looking for some devotional reading to guide you on your journey look to the Gospels for they tell the story of the Passion.

Matthew chapters 26-27

Mark chapters 14-15

Luke chapters 22-23

John chapters 18-19

“Upon that cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess: the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.” (ELW 338)

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May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for 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.

Congratulations to new grandparents Paul & Sonja Gibbs on the birth of granddaughter, Sloane Marie Wiedert on 2/25/2020. She was 6 lbs and 14 oz and 19 inches.

Come join us for an informal Bible study the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:00pm.

Library Likes



We have a number of books in our library that might be especially interesting to you during the season of Lent. A book display by the welcome table in the narthex has a number of books that correspond with the season and the themes of our Lenten worship: Healing, Transfiguration, Miracles, Servanthood, and the Passion of our Lord. Help yourself to a book! There is no official check-out system. Just bring the book back when you are finished.

Faith Lutheran Reads



Thanks to all who participated in the Faith Reads book project ! We distributed 22 copies of *Love Without Limits*. The recent conversation over the book was thoughtful, and we found that it contains many of the “shocking” ideas that Pastor Dennis mentioned in his recent sermon. Much of our discussion centered on the question: What does loving someone without limits actually look like? We explored the importance of trying to understand the whole situation instead of just one part of a person’s story. In the end, we may not know how loving others helps them, but we want to try to love our neighbors as ourselves, hard as that might be. If you are finished with your book and would like to contribute your copy to another church book club, please see Becky Kelsey. If you have a suggestion for the next book for the congregation to read together, please see Deb Aldrich.

Come Touch the Robe

The mid-week (Thursdays) Lenten worship this year will focus on the choir’s presentation of the cantata, “Come Touch the Robe,” by Pepper Choplin.

Soup suppers will be offered at 6:00 pm in the Family Center followed by worship in the sanctuary using Holden Evening Prayer as the setting for the liturgy.

March 5: Healing

March 12: Transfiguration

March 19: Miracles

March 26: Servanthood

April 2: The Passion of Our Lord

Sunday, April 5th: “Come Touch the Robe” Choir Cantata @ 9:00 am (No Sat worship)

Buck a Chick

The Social and Concerns committee and Youth Ministry will again team up for this year’s Lenten project Buck a Chick.

For every dollar given, the money will go towards buying a chick for a needy family. The family will keep the chick and raise it to produce eggs. The family can either keep the eggs for themselves or take them to the market to sell for income. You can take a coloring sheet to color and we will display it around the narthex.

We will have a friendly competition between the chicks (children), hens (ladies) and roosters (gentlemen) to see who can purchase the most chickens. The last year the roosters pulled out a victory. Can they win again or will there be a new winner?



Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is March 8th and April 19th after service in Intern Dennis's office.

Our monthly Healthy Faith Incentive for March is eating 2-3 fruits or vegetable servings a day. One serving of fruit or vegetable is a size of your palm or 1/2 cup. Once you do this, put your name in the drawing for gift card to HyVee. The box to put your name is on the bulletin board near the family center. You can also tell me and I can put your name in the drawing.

I have put out a write up about the coronavirus from Iowa Department of Health on my bulletin board. Again, with this information, we are at low risk for this virus and we should be using the same prevention as we would use for the flu.

If you would like to talk to me, you can email Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!

Blood Drive Results

Marion Churches had their blood drive on February 18th. They had 28 donations of whole blood and double red cell donations! This will help 112 patients needing blood in our area. These donations are crucial especially at this time of year when we are battling winter weather and cold and flu season, every donation we collect makes a big difference to our hospitals and makes sure that their shelves stay full no matter what challenges lay ahead. And we couldn't do it without YOU leading the way and supporting our mission! The next blood drive will be June 23rd. They are planning to continue to provide childcare if you have child but still would like to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or call 319-361-0445.

March Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, March 28th. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Frozen II" (PG) or for Middle School & Older in the Youth Room we have "JoJo Rabbit" (PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is "Knives Out" (PG-13) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or caregiver) Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks, come and join the fun family night.



March Youth Activity

Join us for our March event on Sunday, March 22nd for Board Games with Friends in the Family Center from 2:00-4:00 pm. Snacks and games and fun will be provided. Just bring your favorite board game. All are welcome.



Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, Mar 4th –WNL w/Men's for cooking and clean up.

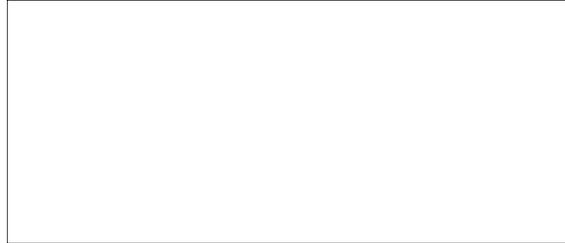
Wednesday, Mar 11th—WNL w/ HS Team for cooking and cleanup.

Wednesday, Mar 18th –No WNL—Spring Break



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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

Thursdays(March 5– April 2)

Midweek Lent

6:00 pm– Soup Supper

7:00 pm– Worship

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.

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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.