



“Here is Christ and Here I am!”

Where to start? When you are reading this, the information around Covid-19 may very well have changed from when I write these words. Among the unknown and various curve projections, there is anxiety, fear, and anger. I know it is certainly easy for me to mourn the loss of my favorite places to hang out!

What we must not forget is the love of God given to us each and every day. Jesus Christ lived in relationship with us and experienced these emotions of fear and anxiety. He even suffered the greatest pain in the form of execution upon the cross. But amidst this darkest time, it is God who conquers death and provides hope for all of us! As Luther said, we can then confidently say “Here is Christ and Here I am!”

I encourage your continued prayers for the people of this congregation and those outside the umbrella of our faith community. Pray for those most impacted by disease as well as the impacts to daily life. I invite you to pray for different ways to live out your faith. This may be the opportunity to check out that book you’ve been looking forward to reading. Perhaps follow along with the daily lectionary. You might carve out time to call friends and family you haven’t talked with in a while.



Regardless of your level of uncertainty, take comfort in the life-giving Word of Jesus Christ, God’s own son, given for *you and all the world. Amen!*

Peace,

Intern Dennis Rodenberg

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Darlene

Blankenburg, Dolores Holecek, Penny White, Richard Hill, Pastor Roger McKinstry Harriet Instefjord (mother of Connie Bulman), Ian Kendall, grandson of Marlene Pasker, Maximillian, nephew of Peggy Wittmer.

We express our condolences to Sharon Dautremont and family on the passing of her mother, Peggy Gerot on March 2nd.

Virus Update: Beginning March 16th and until further notice: All activities including Lenten worship and weekend worship are cancelled until further notice.

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

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.

Activity ideas for healthy initiative include:

*Walking

*Vacuuming/housework or yard work

*Running/jogging

*Dancing

*Working Out

*Yoga/Pilates

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!

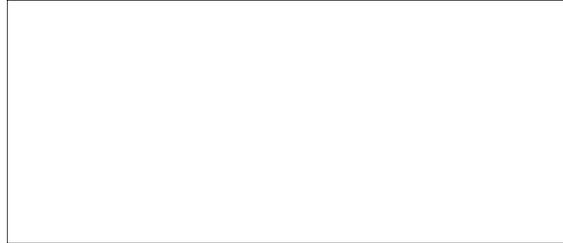
Library Likes

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. There is no official check-out system. Just bring the book back when you are finished.



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

Worship Opportunities

For this week:

Online Sermons available On Facebook & Website

1. Go to homepage for Faith Lutheran Church– Marion, IA
2. Click on video to watch or check out past services.
3. Go to faithlutheran.org
4. Choose podcast at the top menu option.
5. Choose the podcast you'd like to listen to on the Tuesdays following 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.