



## Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland, 461

I sing as I arise today!  
 I call on my Creator's might;  
 The will of God to be my guide,  
 The eye of God to be my sight,  
 The word of God to be my speech,  
 The hand of God to be my stay,  
 The shield of God to be my strength,  
 The path of God to be my way. (Lent. Book Two)



Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland was born ca. 389 in Roman Britain, the grandson of a priest and the son of the alderman and later deacon Calpornius. The details of Patrick's life are uncertain. He admits in his brief Confession that he was not religious as a child and had little use for the Church. At the age of 13 or 14, while staying at his father's country estate, he was seized by Irish raiders and sold as a slave in Ireland. There in hardship and isolation he began to pray everyday. After 6 years as a shepherd he managed to escape, find a ship, and eventually reach home. His experience had been a spiritual conversion, and now he had a certain conviction of his vocation: he was to preach the faith to the Irish people.

St. Patrick writes: "It is among that people that I want to wait for the promise made by him, who assuredly never tells a lie. He makes this promise in his Gospel, "They shall come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." This is our faith: believers are to come from the whole world."

Almighty God, who in your providence chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that light, that we may bring others to the peace and joy of your gospel and come at last with them to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
 (Pfatteicher, New Book of Festivals and Commemorations.)"

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May we, like St. Patrick, help others find the Way!

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

## Faith Church News

**The April/May/June** Christ in Our Home booklets are available now at church or in the free little library outside the family center entrance.

**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.

**Palm crosses & palms are available** now on the welcome table in the narthex.

## Midweek Lenten Worship

Midweek Lenten Worship services are published on Facebook on Thursdays during Lent at 7:00 pm. We use ELW Night Prayer as our Midweek 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.

## 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. 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.

## Lector Opportunities

Hello fellow faith members, Angie Miglia is looking for lectors who would like to read for our virtual services in May. If anyone is interested please let her know at [akmigs33@yahoo.com](mailto:akmigs33@yahoo.com).

## Holy Week Bulletins & Info

Holy Week is just around the corner. We will be mailing a Service of Triduum (Three Days) to your home soon. Maundy Thursday worship will be online at 7:00pm on April 1st. You are also invited to come to the church to receive communion from 1:00—7:00 pm on that day. Please wear a mask and social distance and a host will meet you at the door to direct you. Good Friday Worship is online on April 2nd at 7:00 pm and Easter Vigil is online on April 3rd at 9:00 pm. Easter Worship on Sunday, April 4th will be online as well at 9:00 am.

## Parish Nurse Notes

**Covid-19 vaccine information:** If you are 65 years of age or older and haven't gotten your Covid vaccine yet please call 211 as they will help find vaccines for eligible persons with no internet access.

As of March 15th, Linn County opened up another phase of vaccine eligibility, people 18-64 years of age with a medical condition are eligible to receive the vaccine. You may contact your doctor's office as they will contact you once your name is up on the list. You can also get on lists at some of the pharmacies in the area to get your vaccine quicker.

CVS- <https://www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine>,  
Walgreens- <https://www.walgreens.com/topic/promotion/covid-vaccine>,  
HyVee-, <https://www.hy-vee.com/my-pharmacy/covid-vaccine>

Also call The Community Free Health Clinic at 319-200-2550 or Linn County Health Department at (319) 892-6097 to put your name on a list. They will contact you when your name is up on the list. Even if you had your first or second dose of the vaccine, you still need to wear a mask, social distance and wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer if you can't wash your hands.

There is still a huge need for blood. Contact the blood center at [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org) or call (800) 747-5401 to make an appointment to donate. It is easy and safe to donate!

## Zoom Class on Ephesians

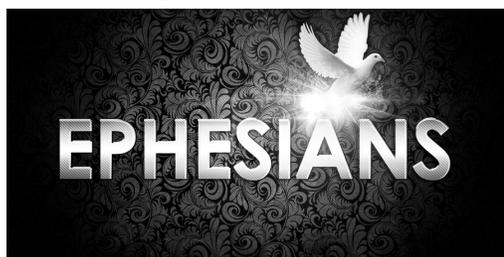
The Faith Adult Nurture Committee is offering the following weekly learning opportunity beginning Tuesday, March 16.

If you were to pick one word to describe Lutherans, that word would be “grace”. In the New Testament Letter to the Ephesians the writer focuses on the power and the gift of God’s amazing grace. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8).

Join us via Zoom for a weekly study of the book of Ephesians. Due to Zoom rehearsals for the Lenten services, we will meet at 8:00 the first two Tuesdays (you can’t double book Zoom!). After that, we will switch back to 7:00. The class will continue for 6-7 weeks. No book purchase is necessary. We will be adapting our discussions from the following downloadable study. Please bring your Bible and a copy of this study to each meeting. The study will be facilitated by Pam Olson, with opportunity for lots of group participation and sharing of grace.

<https://34lakm2ej73fiw6un31fez81-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Ephesians-Students-Guide.pdf>

Please let us know of your participation so we can send you the Zoom link. Either PM Sue Tweeton or Pam Olson on Facebook with your email address or email Jen in the office at: [secretary@faithlutheran.org](mailto:secretary@faithlutheran.org)  
We hope many of you will join us for this discussion of grace.



## Lenten Offering Project

Our Midweek Lenten offerings are designated to go to EWALU Bible Camp and Retreat Center in Strawberry Point, Iowa.

EWALU serves all people as a place to connect the Word of God with the world of God.



During Lent, we are asking a question a week about camp experiences. The next one is: **Anyone any age: Did you make any new friends and if so, did you stay in touch?**

Answers are welcome on the Refrigerator Door on Facebook or you can reply to your SEED newsletter email and Jen will get it. We will publish some of the replies in the coming SEEDS. Please note “Lenten Offering” on your offering to have it designated to this special project. Stay tuned for more information.

Here’s some answers from the Refrigerator Door on Facebook to: **Favorite camp food:**

- **Foil dinners:** hamburger, potatoes, and a veggie. Mixed together with some oil in tin foil. (*Mark Goodsmith, Ruth Schroeder, Kellie Osbeck*)
- **Indian Stew** (*Marlene Pasker*)
- **Pizza pockets** (*Jenny VansCoy*)

- **Banana Boats:** bananas carefully opened on one side and filled with chocolate chips, peanut butter chips and marshmallows if you wish. Close back up and bake in the fire. (*Sue Tweeton*)





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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**

**Midweek Lenten Worship**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Thursdays**

*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.