



Let Us Cry Aloud.

Laying aside all memories of evil, let us cry aloud:

We have sinned against you, Christ our King:

Save us as the people of Nineveh of old,

And in your compassion make us sharers

In your heavenly kingdom. (Byzantine Vespers)

As in our Lenten journey we draw nearer to the cross may we find ways to “lay aside” all memories of evil? Pray for the courage to practice forgiveness. Embrace the promises of God who for our sake endured the cross. This is difficult work. Few people have the courage to face the evils within or without. It seems easier to let the wounds fester or ignore the problems or self medicate to forget. That’s why Lent is so difficult but also so freeing. As we face our mortality, as we claim our brokenness, our alienation from God and neighbor, as we receive the free gifts that Lent brings to our awareness, then we can endure the present sufferings knowing that suffering produces Easter hope.

I invite and encourage to keep this holy time in worship, prayer and daily devotion. The worship opportunities in Lent, especially the “Great Three Days” Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil all point to the acclamation that evil has been defeated!

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Christ has come

Is coming

And will come again!

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for June Mead, Clell Wildes, Sue Tweeton, Paula Burley, Gerry Andrews cousin of Catherine Dytrt, Caleb cousin of Sherry Stark, Matt Cook son-in-law of Pard & Mariann Keith, Lydia granddaughter of Dick and Coreen Hein.

We celebrate with Marcus & Andrea Hora and family on the birth of their son, Elijah Robert on Tuesday, March 14th.

Special thanks to David Bulman for trimming trees around the property.

We are looking for an individual to be the Faith Lutheran representative on the Marion Senior Housing board. Time commitment is just 1 hour a month, the length of the board meeting. Other responsibilities are helping out with fundraisers. If you are interested or have questions, let Katy Zylstra or Christy Pratt know. Thanks!

This month we will continue collecting the following items for the Marion Food Pantry:

- Peanut butter
- Cans of fruit
- Rice
- Applesauce

On Sunday, March 26th Sonia Kendrick will be speaking between services (about 9:15am) about Feed Iowa First and how we can support her with the Faith Farm. Will you spread the word and mark your calendars? We will need people to once again “adopt a row”. We will only be planting the number of rows that are adopted. Your leaders for the 2017 Faith Farm this year are as follows. We will be here to support you and your family throughout the growing season.

- David and Susan Cunningham
- Barb Thompson
- Christy Pratt
- John and Kelly Kennon-Lane

Check out the table in the narthex and sign up today! We need you to make our 2017 crop a success.



Mid-Week Lenten Worship

We continue our celebration of the Reformation through sermons preached by our Pastors. **Wednesday evenings begin with supper in the Family Center at 6:30 pm followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm.**

Mar 29: Pastoral Intern Rodney Bluml,
Holy Baptism

Apr 5: Pr. John Albertson,
Holy Communion

On Thursdays during Lent we once again have a Sandwich luncheon in the library at 11:30 am followed by worship at noon.



Holy Week Schedule

April 12th— 7:30 pm: Youth Mime in Family Center

April 13th— 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Footwashing and Holy Communion

April 14th—7:00 pm: Good Friday

April 15th—9:00 pm: Easter Vigil
(No 5:30 pm service)

April 16th—8:00 am & 10:45 am Easter Worship with Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt at 9:15 am

Upcoming Fellowship Events

On Sunday, March 26th, the Good Time Rollers will be meeting for a dinner out at Biaggi's. Please meet for 5:45 pm and dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Sign up on the welcome table in the narthex if you can attend.

New fellowship snack signup sheets are ready on the welcome table in the narthex. Please provide 50-75 treats for each Sunday. Thanks for your help!

Buck a Chick

The Social Concerns Committee and Youth Ministry have teamed 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. Proceeds will go to ELCA World Hunger.



Martin Luther's Reformation: Then and Now

In observation of the Reformation's 500th anniversary, Dr. Martin Lohrmann of Wartburg Theological Seminary and Dr. Jake Kohlhaas of Loras College will offer different perspectives on the fundamental issues at stake in the Reformation and the progress being made toward mutual understanding today during this interactive event. Join people from other churches for a round-table event that will focus on reform issues in the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches.

Thursday, April 27th

6:30-8:30 pm

Faith Lutheran Church

This event is sponsored by the following Linn County churches: Ascension Lutheran, Christ Episcopal, Faith Lutheran, First Lutheran, Gloria Dei Lutheran and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Please RSVP your participation by calling Jen at 377.9700.

March Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, March 25th. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Moana" (PG) or for bigger kids in the Middle School Room we have "Trolls" (PG). The Grown Up Pick is "Deepwater Horizon" (PG-13) and the Middle School and Older kids have "Doctor Strange" in the Youth Room (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!

VBS & Day Camp Registration

Sign up sheets for our 2017 VBS and Day Camp are now available. Vacation Bible School runs from July 10th-13th from 9:00 am -11:30 am and is for preschool to kids entering Kindergarten. Our theme is "Taking Root". EWALU Day Camp runs July 10th-14th from 9:00 am-3:00 pm and is for kids entering 1st grade to 6th grade. The theme is "The Water of Life" On Friday, Day Campers will go to EWALU in Strawberry Point. Sign up sheets are available on the welcome table or see Danny for questions.

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, March 22nd-WNL with the Women's team for cooking and clean-up.

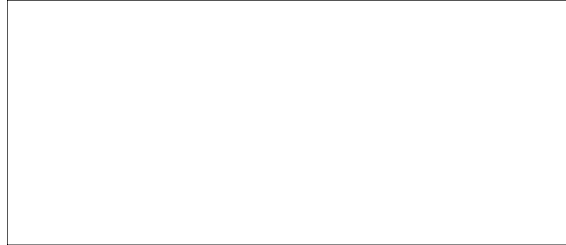
Wednesday, March 30th- WNL with HS team for cooking and clean-up. Lenten Worship will begin at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 5th-WNL with Men's team for cooking and clean-up. Lenten Worship will begin at 7:00 pm.



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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

Saturdays

5:30 pm—Worship

Sundays

8:00 am—Worship

9:10 am—Sunday School

10:45 am—Worship

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays

Supper at 6:30 pm & Worship at 7:00 pm

Thursdays

Lunch at 11:30 am & Worship at Noon

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.