



Bestowing Life

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Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling down death by death,
And upon those in the tombs
Bestowing life.

Holy Week and Easter are filled with emotion, we joyfully sing hosanna on Palm Sunday but by Good Friday we shout crucify Him. These emotions, joy, anger, pain, indifference fill our days and haunt our nights. It's the unknown that brings about anxiety, fear and despair. We leave the bare sanctuary on Friday hoping against hope that God will make good on His words.

We live in the tombs of our own making, wishing that circumstances were different, hoping that God will draw us out of the tomb into the light of the new day.

Good Friday and Saturday seem to go on forever as we cautiously wait for a word of good news. We pray that the despair we feel will be replaced with joy.

On Easter morning we come to the tomb only to find out that the stone has been rolled away. "Christ Is Risen!" Good news! Jesus also looks into the tombs of our lives and says, "Come forth!" "Peace be with You!"

This announcement is spoken to you. A very personal announcement that Easter does make all the difference. No longer chained to our sin, Christ's announcement enables us to live lives of joy and service.

Come out, dear people! Come out of the tomb for Christ is bestowing New Life!

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

We are praying for Nancy Hopkin's brother in law, John.

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.

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.



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday worship will be online at 7:00pm today, April 1st. You are also invited to come to the church to receive communion from 1:00—7:00 TODAY! 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.

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. 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. Also, Mercy has been getting vaccines weekly and open their schedules on Mondays. **Our Message is Keep trying!**

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 or call (800) 747-5401 to make an appointment to donate. It is easy and safe to donate!

Zoom Class on Ephesians

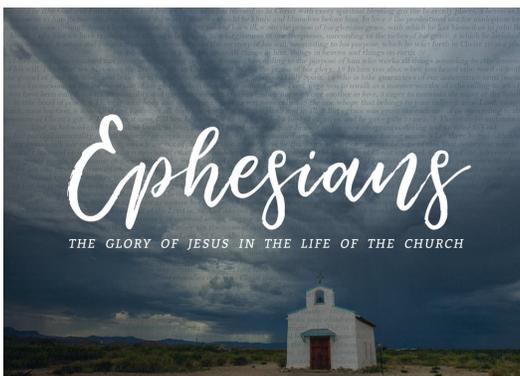
The Faith Adult Nurture Committee is offering the following weekly learning opportunity continues on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

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. 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
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 asked a question a week about camp experiences. The last one was: **What is your best camp memory?**

Here’s some answers from the Refrigerator Door on Facebook :

- Carpetball tournaments and dinner trivia to decide who would eat first and who the happy scraper would be. (Kelly Osbeck)
- Walking the trails and singing the poison ivy song (Marlene Pasker)
- Singing "There's a fire on the mountain tonight" accompanied by an awesome guitar player. (Sue Tweeton)
- The zip line! I think because it was something the older kids got to do that when I got to do it at EWALU and girl scout camp, it was pretty exciting. (Jenny Vans Coy)





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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

Maundy Thursday Worship

4/1 Online 7:00 pm

Good Friday Worship

4/2 Online 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil Worship

4/3 Online 9:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship

4/4 Online 9:00 am

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.