



Life in the Tombs

Easter reminds me that there is more...

More than deadlines.

More than meetings.

More than housework.

We have been delivered from the tombs of routine.

The stone holding back the good news has been rolled away!

Sins forgiven.

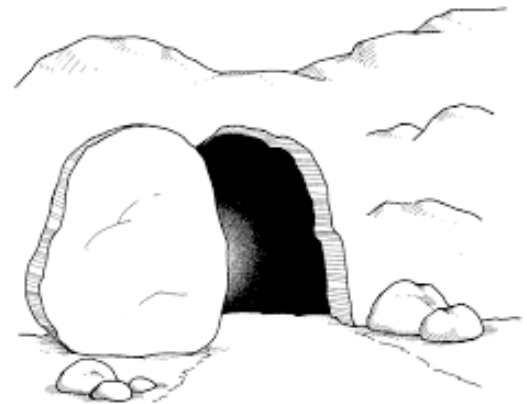
Past forgotten.

Future wide open.

No longer chained to that which separates us from Christ we can live lives in service to one another. The promise of the Resurrection is the promise of a new day.

Claim it!

“Christ is risen from the dead,
Trampling down death by death,
And upon those in the tombs
bestowing life.” Orthodox liturgy.



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Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Jan Schnack's brother in law, Franz; Diane Lehtinen's father, Clifford; Don Rivers, Spencer Carver brother of Bailey Freese; Cindy Andrews mother of Stephanie Kubik; Bob Schunter's cousin, Roger; Jean Garlinghouse's son, Pete; Annette Mohling's mother, Alice; Merrick friend of Jean Dunn. Evelyn Johnson, mother of Sue Schunter.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in the Sunday School and WNL Lenten Project for Foundation 2. Your donations are going to a wonderful local charity.

First Communion Instruction will take place on Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm in the Library. See Pastor John with questions.

Everyone is invited to an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast at Bowman Woods Elementary School on Sunday, April 12th from 7:30 am—noon. Cost is Adults \$6, ages 4-11 \$4 and under 4 free. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #560.

Our Parish Nurse, Christy Pratt will have a blood pressure and blood sugar check on Sunday morning, April 19th between the 8:00 am and 10:45 am worship services in Pastor John's office.

Women's Bible Study the evening group will meet on Thursday, April 16th at 6:45 pm. The Daytime Disciples group changed their date for this month to Tuesday, April 21st at 1:00 pm. All women are invited to attend. The topic will be Sabbath rest.

All are welcome and invited to attend our next Game Day on Thursday, April 16th at 1:00 pm. No experience necessary, just come and join the fun!

The Youth and Family Team Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 pm.

Baseball Anyone?

We are gauging interest in a trip to Minneapolis to see a Twins vs. Yankees game on July 26th. Please let Amy or Nick Sagan know if you are interested (yellowamv@hotmail.com or 319-350-2076).

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers to provide snacks and to clean up for Sunday fellowship time. If you are willing to donate 2 dozen snacks or a bit of time for clean up on a Sunday, please sign up at the table in the Narthex. Contact Amy Sagan for questions.

Hospital Visits

Hospitals do not always call the church to inform of a member being hospitalized. **It is therefore up to the patient or the family to inform the pastors.** It is never an intrusion to call the pastors at any time of the day or night. We stand ready to administer the prayers of the church for healing.

This ministry is extended on behalf of the whole church. When a member of the church, that is the body of Christ suffers pain, all members suffer together and the strength of Christ flows through the whole body to the afflicted member. The pastors visit the sick person and bring the comfort and healing power of the readings from the Scripture, prayer and food from the table of the Lord.

Their presence, their words and actions declare to the sick person that as the church shares in the suffering of Christ and is baptized into his death, so the church also shares in the power of Christ's triumph over sickness and death. That triumph is made ours in baptism and will be complete after this life in the fullness of the kingdom. (Commentary on the Occasional Services)

Youth Yard Sale Fundraiser

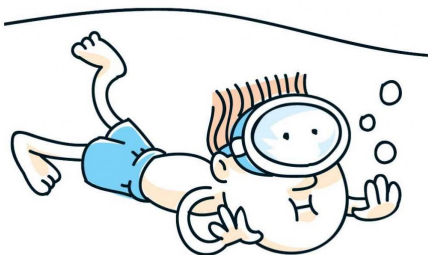
The Youth will be having a Yard Sale to benefit Faith's Scholarship Fund & Youth attending the 2015 National Lutheran Youth Gathering on Saturday, June 6th from 8:00 am—1:00 pm.

Donations are welcome! Gently used and workable quality items. Clearing your closet is a great way to help. Please, we cannot accept old televisions. See Danny or Jen to drop off donated items in Faith's Garage. Thanks!



YFM Event

Everyone is invited to attend the next Youth and Family Ministries event. On Sunday, April 12th from 2:00-4:00 pm, meet at the Marion YMCA lobby for open swimming. The cost is \$5 per person. Sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the narthex.



Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, April 18th. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the family is "Annie" (PG) or for bigger kids in the Youth Room we have "Into the Woods" (PG). The Grown Up Pick is "Exodus" (PG-13) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or care giver)

Then the Senior High Youth have 2 options from 9:00-11:00 pm including "Interstellar" (PG-13) and "Hobbit 3" (PG-13). Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks, come and join the fun, family night!



Social Concerns

For the month of April, we are collecting canned fruits for the Marion Food Pantry. All other food items are accepted as well. Please bring your items to church and we will make sure they get delivered to the pantry.

WNL

Wednesday, Apr 8th— WNL with the HS Team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Apr 15th— WNL with Women's Team for cooking and clean-up.

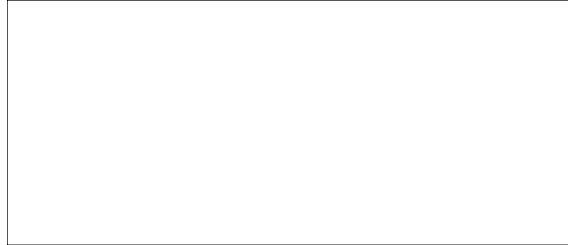
Wednesday, Apr 22nd— WNL "First Grade Visitation" with Men's Team for cooking and clean-up.





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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

10:45 am—Worship

Sunday School for All Ages

9:10 am

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.