



## Behold

“Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

For the Lord God is my strength and my song,

And has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.” (Isa. 12:2)

Water represents new life. Easter proclaims that we are “new people!”

We are made new in the waters of baptism. In the water mixed together with God’s Word and by God’s command, there is new life, new promise. God’s Word brings strength and causes us to sing, “Christ Is Risen Alleluia!

Trust in God’s promises to see you through these different and difficult times for in that trust you will discover anew the God of life, the God of hope, the God of Easter, the God of deliverance.

“This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three day prison,

Our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen!

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Peace,

Pastor John



## Faith Church News

**We are praying for** Susan Cunningham's cousin, Kevin, Deb Bell Geiser's mother, Jeanette, and Christy Pratt's mother.

**We express our condolences** to Mark Goodsmith and family on the passing of his father, Dale.

**We express our condolences** to Nancy Hopkins and family on the passing of her 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** is offered on YouTube and Facebook, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

**The Faith Adult Nurture Committee offers** a study on Ephesians continuing on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.



## Feed Iowa First

As the weather improves we are looking ahead to preparing the garden for this year's Feed Iowa First crops of tomatoes, tomatillos and cucumbers and **WE NEED YOU!**

**Upcoming dates:** Volunteers are needed for installing irrigation on **Tuesday, May 18th**. Our first planting date will be on **Tuesday, May 25th**. Both of these dates will be in the evening and the time is yet to be determined. Our second planting date will be on Thursday, **June 25th** as we plant the cucumbers.

After our initial planting date, we will need volunteers to weed, water and pick. Volunteers will be notified if it is your week to weed and you may do it when it is convenient for you. Weeding will be easier as Russ Gerst will be tilling the rows on a regular basis to keep the weeds down. Email Christy at [parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org](mailto:parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org) if you are available to volunteer for any of these jobs and dates.



**Feed Iowa**  
FIRST

## Churches of Marion Food Pantry

After reaching out to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry, the following needs have been identified as items our local community members are in need of:

- Canned fruit
- Canned meat
- Peanut butter
- Soup
- Cereal
- Box potatoes
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap

Donations can be dropped off at church on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Thanks in advance for helping our local neighbors in need.

## Parish Nurse Notes

Linn County Public Health as released some information regarding the COVID-19 vaccines: Here are some facts:

- There is not just one registration area for vaccines. We know that is frustrating, but remember, there are nearly 230,000 people living in Linn County.
- Mercy, UnityPoint, Eastern Iowa Health Center will contact you when they have vaccine for patients. If you do not have a provider call Linn County Public Health.
- You still need to wear a mask after you receive your vaccine.

Turn to [Linncounty.org/vaccine](http://Linncounty.org/vaccine) for the latest COVID-19 information.

### Important phone numbers:

UnityPoint Health Call Center: 319.370.9439

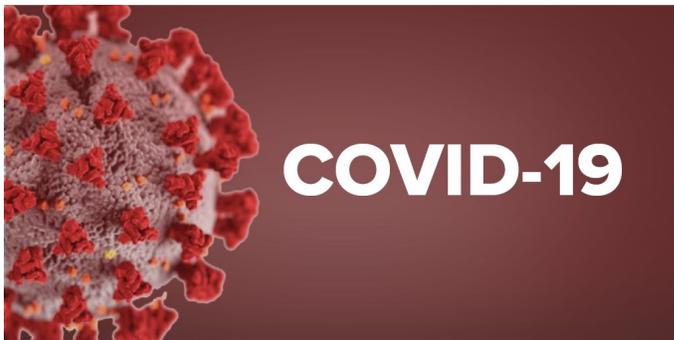
Mercy Medical Center: 319.369.4604

211: (for help scheduling an appointment or transportation to the appointment)

Area Agency on Aging: 866.468.7887

Eastern Iowa Health Center 319.730.7300

Linn County Public Health: 319.892.6097



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!

## Bathroom Remodel

The latest area to be remodeled in the church is the bathrooms near the church offices. Since no one has been in and able to see them, I thought I'd put a couple of pictures in the SEED. Many thanks to Mike and Sharon Dautremont for all their hard work along with Luke Evers our contractor. There are just a few finishing touches left!





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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**

*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.*

### Faith Lutheran Church Staff

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<b>Diane Lehtinen</b> Choir Director	<b>Christy Pratt</b> Parish Nurse

### Faith Lutheran Church Council Members

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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.