

Bestowing Life

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

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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.

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

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Joyce Smith, David (Joyce Smith's son), (Janette) Deb Bell Geiser's mother, Shannon Stark's stepfather.

Easter crosses are located in the shopping cart in the narthex. Please take one and place it in your yard as a witness to your neighbors that "Christ is Risen!"

The Church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22nd.

Daytime Disciples will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:00 pm. All women are invited to attend.

Holy Week Schedule

April 17th— 7:30 pm: Youth Mime Performance in Family Center (Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm)

April 18th- 7:00 pm: Maundy Thursday Footwashing and Holy Communion

April 19th—7:00 pm: Good Friday

April 20th—9:00 pm: Easter Vigil (No 5:30 pm service)

April 21st —8:00 am & 10:30 am Easter Worship with Breakfast at 9:15 am

Library Likes



Our library has a shelf labeled "Donations." Yes, the Faith Lutheran Library is willing to take donations. The books need to be in good shape (not torn, battered, or smelly). Fiction and non-fiction are welcome. DVDs are okay, but VCR tapes? Not so much. If Pastor John decides the material isn't compatible with his sense of what we should be offering, he may recommend we donate it to a public library instead.

Donating huge numbers of books at one time will be hard for us to process, so just a few books at any one time is better. Questions?

Check with Deb Aldrich or Pastor John.

Fishing for Food

Faith Lutheran's Social Concerns Committee is finishing off a campaign for Lent entitled "Fishing For Food." The tubs in the narthex have been emptied and are awaiting more donations! Please help fill the shelves!

What items are needed:

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| *Canned Meat | *Canned Fruit |
| *Applesauce | *Instant Potatoes |
| *Peanut Butter | *Ramen noodles |
| *Bags of white/brown rice | |
| *Toilet Paper | *Paper Towels |
| *Kleenex | *Shampoo/Conditioner |
| *Toothpaste | *Deodorant |
| *Toothbrushes | *Hand Soap |



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Faith Lutheran Reads

Faith Reads: The book discussion for *The Faith Club* will be during Pastor's class on Sunday, May 19. All are welcome to join us to share thoughts and questions about the book. You are welcome to join us if you have read the whole book, half the book, one chapter of the book, or none of the book.

You are welcome to join us if you have only questions and no answers about what you've read. We do have 2 copies of the book still, so if you'd like one, please see Deb Aldrich. If you aren't going to be able to join us at the Sunday Pastor's class but would like to participate in a discussion group in the evening, let Deb or Pastor John know.



Parish Nurse

Spring is here and it is time to clean out those medicine cabinets. If you have old medications, meaning if the prescription is older than a year, you can bring them to the police department to dispose. You can also dispose them in a tight seal bag in the trash with kitty litter or coffee grounds. Please don't dump them down the toilet, it can contaminate our water and soil. You can recycle the container after you take off the label and clean the container. Also, if the medicine has an unusual color, odor or doesn't taste right, dispose of it as well.



The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is May 12th in the associate pastor's old office after service. Also, I am free to discuss any healthcare concern you may have. If you would like to talk to me, you can e-mail Christy Pratt at parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!

Faith Farm Update

Feed Iowa First picked corn and potatoes for us to plant and grow this year! We will be planting on May 5th from 2-4pm. What to bring: shovel, hoe, hand tools, water to drink and buckets/ watering cans to water after planting. We are going to be hand digging to plant the corn and potatoes. If you want to help plant but can't dig, we still want you to come and help to put seeds in the ground. If you can't help with planting, we are looking for people to help with watering, weeding and pick or transport the food to where it needs to go. Just sign up at the Feed Iowa First table in the narthex. We need everyone's help in this wonderful cause! If you have any questions, please let Christy Pratt know. Thanks!

April Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, April 27th From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Mary Poppins Returns" (PG) or for Bigger kids & Middle School in the Middle School room we have "Aquaman" (PG-13)

The Grown Up Pick is "A Dog's Way Home" (PG) (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.

Youth Easter Breakfast

The Youth will be serving Easter Breakfast beginning at 9:15 am on Sunday, April 21st. There will be egg bake, fruit, doughnuts, biscuits and gravy. There is a sign up on the welcome table in the narthex for egg bake donations. Free will donations will go to support the youth scholarships for upcoming camps and other events.

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, April 17th—No WNL
Mime Performance @ 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 24th —WNL
w/Women's Team for cooking and clean-up.

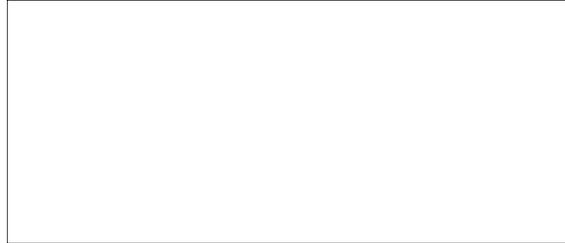
Wednesday, May 1st—Final WNL—
Worship & Seniors with HS for cooking and clean-up!





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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

9:00 am – Worship

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 17th

Youth Mime @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 18th

Maundy Thursday Worship @ 7:00 pm

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday Worship @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 20th

NO 5:30 pm worship 9:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 21st

Easter Worship @ 8:00 & 10:30 am

Easter Breakfast @ 9:15 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.