



One Bread

“Just as the bread is made out of many grains ground and mixed together, and out of the bodies of many grains there comes the body of one bread, in which each grain loses its form and body and takes upon itself the common body of the bread; and just as the drops of wine in losing their own form, become the body of one common wine and drink—so it is and should be with us, if we use this sacrament properly. Christ with all saints, by his love, takes upon himself our form, fights with us against sin, death and all evil. This enkindles in us such love that we take on his form, rely upon his righteousness, life and blessedness. And through the interchange of his blessings and our misfortunes, we become one loaf, one bread, one body, one drink, and have all things in common.” (Martin Luther)

Bread and wine, the stuff of life is offered at FLC every time we gather for worship. It is in the bread and wine that we taste the benefits of God’s great love for us. “The benefits of this sacrament are pointed out by the words, given and shed for you for the remission of sins. These words assure us that in the sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also live and salvation.” (Luther’s Small Catechism)

Forgiveness is serious business. It takes courage to ask for forgiveness and it takes compassion to offer forgiveness. In the meal we come clean with God and neighbor. As we pass the peace we acknowledge the hurt we have imposed on others and in the meal we taste the forgiveness of God for us. Both are necessary—confession and forgiveness. The benefits enable us to live as broken people under the Easter promise. Christ Is Risen! Let us also rise above our sins and the sins of our neighbors and proclaim the Good News in word and deed.

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Peace,

Pastor John



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Dennis Sutherland, Tom Nordstrom, Cindy Cady, Milo Popp, Ruth Warren, Dan Geiser's mother, Mary, Kay & Verne Gansemer, aunt & uncle of Deb Bell Geiser, Keith Graf, twin brother of Coreen Hein, Nick, nephew of Catherine Dytrt, Richard Johnson, brother-in-law of Dick Hein, Martha Watkins; Spencer Carver brother of Bailey Freese; Annette Mohling's brother, Lyle; Merrick friend of Jean Dunn.

Please return your Easter Crosses at your convenience. Place them in the shopping cart located in the closet by the offices. Thanks!

Please take a moment to fill out the Parish Nurse Ministry Survey located on the welcome table in the narthex. All answers are confidential and this will assist our Parish Nurse Christy Pratt with providing services for our members in the year to come. Completed surveys can be placed in the blue box on the welcome table.

Come join Pastor Amy on Tuesday, April 26th for Daytime Disciples at 1:00 pm and Women's Bible Study at 6:45 pm. We will be studying the book of Esther.

Marion Food Pantry Donations

Many thanks for all the recent donations for both Marion Food Pantry and our Lenten collection for Waypoint. The response was amazing!

For the upcoming month of May, we will begin collecting cans of beans. All varieties are welcome including pinto, black, pork and beans, kidney, navy, etc...But please **DO NOT BRING GREEN BEANS!** The food pantry has plenty of green beans!



River Cruise in Dubuque

Secure your spot now for a 2 hour historic sightseeing tour on the Mississippi River. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids. Lunch is provided.

The tour leaves Dubuque, Saturday, June 25th at 11:30 am. You can either drive yourself to Dubuque or find someone that would like to carpool. Checks should be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church (please write Fellowship River Cruise in the memo line) and placed in mailbox 162 (Amy and Nick Sagan). Sign up in the narthex by May 15th.

Confirmation Canoe Trip

Attention Faith Members: The Annual Confirmation Canoe Trip is scheduled for June 13th -17th for confirmation students. Once again, we need your help to offset the costs of this important time of fun and fellowship for our youth. In the narthex, we have a canoe trip clipboard to sign up for food donations. Items can be dropped off at the church at anytime but please have perishable items at the church by Sunday, June 12th at the latest. We appreciate your help and support making this trip possible!

Special Thanks

We would like to offer a special thank you to Mike and Sharon Dautremont who have spent many hours painting Pr. John's office. If you haven't had the opportunity to stop in and see the "Norwegian Blue" walls and the painted paneling, please take a minute to check it out.

Special thanks as well to Donna McCabe for the brightly painted rocks that now adorn and accentuate the plantings around the church. Dr. McCabe & Donna both work hard year round to make the grounds around our church so beautiful! Thank you!



Upcoming Summer Youth

Once again, our summer is filled with events for faith and fun! We have a week set aside at EWALU itself for members to send their kids to camp in Strawberry Point for one of the various themed camping opportunities. June 26-July 1st Faith Youth and Family Ministry Directory, Danny Stone will be at camp all week participating in all the camp fun.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Vacation Bible School and EWALU Day Camp dates for the 2016 year. July 11-15 have been selected for our week of fun, friendship and Faith. The VBS kids theme is "Catch the Buzz" and is for all kids 3 years of age to those entering Kindergarten. Cost is \$20 and camp goes from 9:00 am— 11:30 am Monday-Thursday.



Our Day Camp that is run by spirited youth counselors from EWALU is themed "The Jesus Way" and runs Monday-Friday 9:00 am—3:00 pm cost is \$40 for the week. Registration forms are now available on the welcome table in the narthex. See Danny with questions.



Attention all Adults, College and High School students: We have planned a special Urban Exchange Mission Trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin from July 25 to July 31st. Cost is \$250 per person and includes meals, housing, transportation and entertainment. A \$100 deposit is due ASAP to reserve your place. See Danny for more details.

Feed Iowa First

This growing season Faith Lutheran is taking part in an organized, intentional effort to alleviate food insecurity in Linn county. According to Sonia Kendrick from Feed Iowa First (FIF), there are 400,000 people in Iowa that are hungry (that is, "food insecure") and 26,000 of those people are in Linn County. That number is staggering, which is why Sonia spoke to members of Faith about her organization a few weeks ago.

FIF currently partners with 22 local urban farms to grow vegetables for food pantries and the FIF traveling veggie bus, and Faith is home to the newest farm! You may have noticed the large garden area near the garages, which will contain 25 rows of onions, leeks, and green onions; all to be donated to FIF. Each row has been adopted by a family from the congregation, who will be responsible for maintaining the row. The entire congregation is invited to help plant this area on Saturday, April 23 from 9-11am. Bring your gardening hand tools, Sonia will provide the seedlings! If you are interested in adopting a row, being a 'fill in' for families on vacation, or supporting FIF through Faith's farm, please contact Pastor Amy and she will put you in touch with one of the farm managers.



**Feed Iowa
FIRST**

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, Apr 20th— WNL with HS for cooking and clean-up.

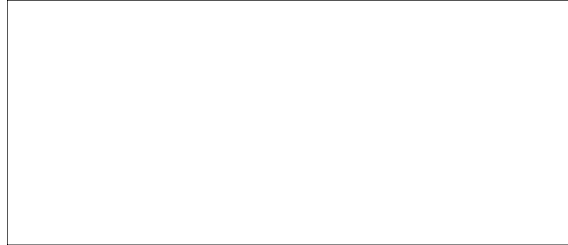
Wednesday, Apr 27th— Final WNL with Worship & Senior Recognition Night.





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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.

Saturdays

5:30 pm – Worship

Sundays

8:00 am & 10:45 am – Worship

Sunday School for all Ages

Children

9:10 am in the Sanctuary

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.