



Summertime

Soon another program year will come to a close. WNL ended last week with the annual pizza party and farewell to the graduating High School seniors. Sunday school is wrapping up, pastor's class too. May 24 begins the summer worship schedule with one service at 9:00AM. Saturday worship stays the same.

I take this time to say Thanks. Thanks to the many adults, teachers, music leaders, craft leaders, shepherds, table parents, rec. time leaders, committee members, cook, clean up folks, indeed everyone who works to nurture faith in our young folks.

Thanks to the **kids of Faith Lutheran** as well. It's fun to witness the enthusiasm of Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. The eagerness to learn is gratifying.

Even as this year comes to a close I found the schedule for next year in my mail box. The Youth Nurture Committee has been busy wrapping up this year and planning for the next.

It's true that the classrooms will be empty for much of the summer, but **learning need not take a break.** Opportunities like VBS, Camp EWALU, confirmation canoe trip and High School mission trip as well as family devotions provide yet further opportunities to "Make Christ Known" for our children.

I encourage you to find ways to nurture your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors as you explore the stories of faith. **Take the Bible with you** on walks, to the lake, to the park, or to the back yard. Kids are eager to learn the stories and summer provides unique opportunities to explore God's Word in God's creation.

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"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Mary, Dan Geiser's mother; Clell Wildes; Jan Schnack's brother in law, Franz; Diane Lehtinen's father, Clifford; Spencer Carver brother of Bailey Freese; 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.

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

Our final Sunday School will be Sunday, May 17th. We will celebrate with Sundae's on Sunday. All are invited to join us for ice cream sundaes.

FYI: Summer Worship hours will begin on Sunday, May 24th when we switch to one 9:00 am worship service on Sundays. We will still have Saturday worship at 5:30 pm.

The Men's SEED team will be meeting for breakfast on Tuesday, May 12th at 9:00 am. All men are welcome to join us. See Don Schluter or Dave Kroeger for questions.

Faith Lutheran will be hosting the next Marion Churches Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 3rd from 2:00-6:30 pm in the Family Center. Sign up sheets will be out soon. Please save the date!

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS SUNDAY!

On Sunday, September 13, 2015, Faith Lutheran will join nearly 10,000 congregations of the ELCA and put our faith into action by serving our community in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. *"God's work. Our Hands' Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it's that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference."* ~ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Plans are underway. Please SAVE THE

Baseball Trip Planned

On Sunday, July 26th we are taking a bus trip to Minneapolis for a Twins vs. Yankees game. Price is \$75 per person and includes transportation and a ticket to the game. Seats are limited. For more information, or to sign up, contact Amy or Nick Sagan at yellowamv@hotmail.com.

Thrivent Night at Kernels

Thrivent Night at the Ball Park

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

at 6:35 pm

Gates open at 5:30 pm

Burlington Bees vs.

Cedar Rapids Kernels

At Cedar Rapids Veterans Memorial Stadium

Tickets are \$6 for general Admission

Available from Thrivent 366-2991

Proceeds will benefit Iowa Special Olympics

Make it a Family Night and

Let's fill the Stadium!

Marion Cares

Volunteers for Marion Cares' summer programs needed. "What God says about you" is the theme for the 2015 summer programs of Marion Cares. Children (K-6th grade) will grow in faith, friendships, and knowledge for 10 weeks (five days a week in three Marion neighborhoods). We need over 50 volunteers a week. Please share your time on a weekday from 11:45-1:30 pm by assisting a leader as children grown in faith, fun (Entertainment, Sports), and academics (Science, Reading, Health). Help with an activity, listen to a child read, watch a movie, and/or help with a garden! Volunteer once, one week, or weekly. Contact Joe about volunteering by calling 319-377-5344, joe@marioncares.org.

Craft Day

Join us on Saturday, May 9th from 12:30-3:30 pm for an afternoon of crafts and fellowship. Several crafts will be provided, or bring your own to work on. Feel free to come and go as you please. Snacks will be provided. All ages welcome.

Come Join "Cross Walk"

All are invited to come and join Pastor Amy in a new fun group called "Cross Walk". We will meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am at the Bowman Woods Trail Head and walk to Thomas Park and back. Bring your strollers, wagons, all ages are invited but please children under 16 need to have a parent with them. We will begin as soon as school is out for the summer. Come once or twice or every single Thursday. We're happy to have you join us!

Kitchen Stuff & Lost & Found

We have acquired a huge amount of pans, dishes, bowls from various events. These are all stacked up in the kitchen by the table. There is also a lost and found laundry basket in the closet by the kitchen loaded with hats, scarves, and t-shirts and even a few coats hanging in the closet.

We will be placing these items out on a table for worship the next couple Sundays. Any items not picked up will be donated to sell at the Youth Yard Sale on June 6th.



Social Concerns

For the month of May we are collecting peanut butter 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.

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!



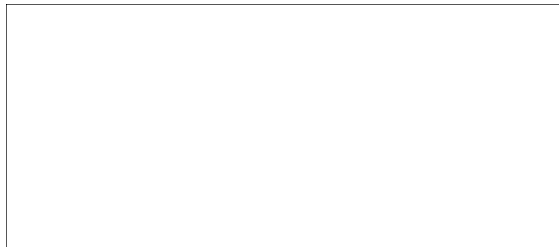
Youth & Family Ministries Event

The Youth and Family Ministries Event for May will be a hike and fellowship adventure at Palisades-Kepler State Park on Sunday, May 24th from 2:00-5:00 pm. Gather at Faith and we will carpool to the Park near Mt. Vernon. Faith will pack yummy snacks. Wear shoes ready for hiking and play. All ages welcome! Driver and caring adults needed. The rain date will be May 31st.



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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

Worship Times change May 24th

Summer Worship Hours

Saturdays

5:30 pm– Worship

Sundays

9:00 am –Worship

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.