



## O Day Full of Grace!

“God came to us then at Pentecost, the Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more in death be lost, its power over us dispelling.  
This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all true healing.”

The promise of Pentecost, the festival of the Holy Spirit’s descent upon the church, the great feast day that announces to each of us that life is different, that eternal life is possible, because the Spirit reigns in the church and in our lives is reason to celebrate on this day.

**We have more reason to celebrate the Festival of Pentecost this year than any other. On this day, May 23, 2021, 9am, we will regather in-person for Divine worship.**

We will sing, pray, listen, confess, and receive the Lord’s Supper for the first time in what seems like forever! We will still wear masks, practice social distancing, have our temperature checked and refrain from hugs, handshakes and coffee but what a joy to offer praise to God as a community of believers. The online presence via YouTube and Face Book will continue to serve those who are not ready to worship in person yet. Each one of us must obey our own comfort level for gathering in-person. Either way God be praised!

“As birds in the morning sing their praise,  
God’s fatherly love we cherish,  
For giving to us this day of grace,  
For life that shall never perish.  
The church God has kept two thousand years,  
And hungering souls did nourish.” ELW 627

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



## Faith Church News

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

**The April/May/June** Christ in Our Home booklets are available 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.

**Call now to reserve your Sunday** to donate flowers for worship. Jen will get back to you.

## Regathering Guidelines

Regathering Worship Guidelines as approved at the April Council meeting:

**Regathering in-person worship begins on Sunday, May 23: the Feast of Pentecost at 9:00 am**

1. Worshipers will need to wear masks and sit six feet apart, and pews will be taped closed as before.
2. We will allow congregational singing with masks on. People will pick up hymnals before they enter the sanctuary and will replace them on a cart afterwards. Bulletins will not be used at this time.
3. An offering plate will be on the welcome table, not passed through the pews.
4. Pastor John will offer communion at the altar area using wafers and disposable cups. He will wear gloves and change them often. Waste cans will be at the sides for people to deposit their cups. Mike Dautremont will mark the spots where people should stand.
5. We will not offer food for fellowship yet. Fellowship after worship takes place outside.
6. We will continue to have parts of the building blocked off, including the Family Center and the West bathrooms. Mailboxes will not be in use yet.
7. As of now, we will not have outside groups (Boy Scouts, Soccer, etc.) using the building and will reevaluate this in the fall.

8. Church groups who wish to use the building may use the library or narthex area if they like - with masks and maintaining physical distance. Large groups should use the narthex.

9. One to two ushers will be needed for worship services.

10. We will enable cross ventilation as before by opening doors and windows.

11. All this is dependent on whether there is a spike in virus cases.



## Feed Iowa First

It's coming right up and 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:** We will not be using irrigation but instead watering as we have done in years past. Our first planting date will be on **Tuesday, May 25th from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. If you haven't signed up, please just come and help.**

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 [parishnurse@faithlutheran.org](mailto:parishnurse@faithlutheran.org) if you are available to volunteer for any of these jobs and dates.



**Feed Iowa**  
FIRST

## Parish Nurse Notes

Covid-19 vaccines are available at Hy-Vee drugstores, Mercy and St. Luke's are also accepting walk-ins for vaccines. Uber will do free rides to Covid vaccine Clinics. Please keep social distancing and wearing your masks.

Attached to this SEED/email is a flyer released from the CDC with a chart listing how you can choose safer activities.



## Marion Churches Blood Drive

The next Marion Churches blood drive is Wednesday June 17th at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection from 2:30-6:30 pm. What a way to help 3-4 people at one time is to donate your blood to them. It takes only 1 hour of your time. More details will follow but



## Youth Update

Yes, the kids are ready to abandon Zoom meetings. We are getting ready to begin in-person gatherings! Working with Faith's Re-Gathering Committee, youth events return this summer. Adult volunteers and our energetic youth will first meet for outdoor events. As we get closer to fall, our teams will prepare for WNL and Sunday School. Mark your calendars for our upcoming adventures.

**June 11 – School's Out Bonfire – 7:00 PM**

**Wednesdays in July – Evening VBS from 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**June 20-25 – Faith Week at EWALU**



## Churches of Marion Food Pantry

Churches of Marion Food Pantry needs:

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

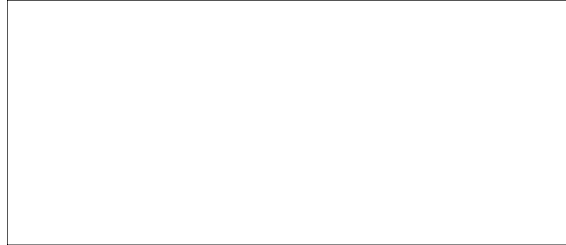


Donations can be dropped off at church on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. Thanks in advance for helping our local neighbors in need.



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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**

**Resuming IN-PERSON**  
**Worship**  
**Sunday, May 23rd**  
**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

**John A. Albertson**  
Senior Pastor

<b>Jen Heinsius</b> Secretary	<b>Daniel Stone</b> Director of Youth and Family Ministry
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### Faith Lutheran Church Council Members

President	<b>Debora Aldrich</b> Director of Worship
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<b>Deb Bell Geiser</b> Secretary	<b>Barb &amp; Chris Thompson</b> Director of Fellowship
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<b>Sue Tweeton</b> Director of Adult Nurture	Director of Youth Nurture
<b>Christy Pratt</b> Director of Social Concerns	

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.