



Become Like Children!

You've done it again! Yes you, the members of Faith Lutheran Church. You've welcomed visitors so well and included them in the life of Faith so completely that we have another group of people desiring to join Faith! We will have a New Member Dinner and Meeting on May 31 and welcome new members into Faith Lutheran during worship the first weekend of June. It is not just the sense of welcome you give to people who visit Faith, but a sense of community in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let me commend you on opening your hearts to others.

Several of the new member families are joining Faith because their sons have attended God & Family and God & Church classes that Pastor John and I taught. These classes provide the religious emblem for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. We taught the classes on a Wednesday before confirmation and most of the Scouts stayed for our Wednesday Night Live activities. The Scouts felt welcomed and wanted and they in turn brought their parents and siblings to worship!

Jesus lauds the faith of children in the Gospels of Mark and Matthew. In Matthew's Gospel, in particular, Jesus encourages us to "become like the children." (Matthew 18:1-5) One thing I witnessed our children of Faith Lutheran do during the Cub Scout classes is proudly, eagerly, boldly *share* about Faith Lutheran. "Come have dinner! Come play games! Come worship! Come learn the Bible!" The invitation to friends to join in on the community of Christ comes naturally to these kids! They also learned that many of their friends believe in Jesus but belong to other congregation. They never batted an eye! They were just happy to think that their friends also had a place to be learning about Jesus and loved by the community. These kids know that they are united by the Holy Spirit in God's church on Earth.

Just as these boys shared their faith, I know that many of you act and believe in the same way. It is always good to hear the story of faith through new voices, to see it through new eyes. The faith of children provides us with so many learning opportunities. How might we adults invite others to share in Christ Jesus? How might we be bold, eager, and proud to share our faith? How might we rest in the sure and certain hope that God is in charge so we need not worry over other people's faith and fate?

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The faith of our children relies on your discipleship in sharing it with them just as you share your faith with visitors, new members and one another. Thank you for your commitment to the baptismal promises. And thanks be to God for the faith of our children and the Faith in which they are raised!

In Peace,

Pastor Amy Waelchli

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.

We celebrate with Phil & Laura White on the birth of their grandson, Colton Gregory White, 8 lbs 14 oz & 21 1/2" long on May 6, 2015 at 4:48 pm. Proud parents are the White's son, Alex and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth.

FYI: Summer Worship hours will begin this 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.

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 are out now. Donations are low during the summer and the need is high.

The next blood pressure check will be Sunday, June 14th in Pr. John's office.

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 date!

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.

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

or Dave Koch at 362-8035

Proceeds will benefit Iowa Special Olympics

Make it a Family Night and

Let's fill the Stadium!

Confirmation Canoe Trip

Attention Faith Members: The Annual Confirmation Canoe Trip is scheduled for June 15th—19th 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 anytime but please have perishable items at the church by Sunday, June 14th at the latest. We appreciate your help and support making this trip possible!

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 on Thursday, June 4th. Come when you can or come every week!

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer opportunities for the VBS program (July 6-9th) are:

Bible Time/Crafts/Snack/Music/Rec & Games or

Shepherds: Sr High youth to adults who can serve as guides and caregivers for our youngest campers.

VBS Assistants: Middle School youth to adults that can help with crafts, snacks, activities, music and shepherding.

Contact Vicki Barnidge at YouthNurture@FaithLutheran.org if you can lend a hand with Vacation Bible School.

EWALU Day Camp Opportunities (July 6-10th: on Friday @ camp)

Team Host: Share your home with 3/4 warm hearted and energetic college adults.

Shepherds:— Sr High youth to adults can serve as guides and care givers for our campers.

Craft Time Asst: Adult and HS youth needed to help EWALU team with daily crafts. This is from 10:15-noon daily.

Afternoon Activity Helpers: We will have movies, games and wild activities

Day Camp Asst: Middle School youth to adults can help with crafts, snacks, activities, music and shepherding. Contact Danny Stone at Youth@FaithLutheran.org or 743.5990 if you wish to help with Day Camp!

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.

Summer Fun Club

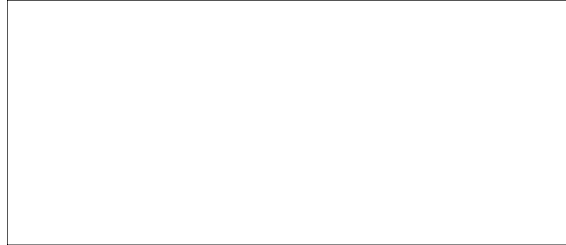
Events are planned throughout the summer and make sure to see what ages will be participating on which Wednesdays. Our first Summer Fun Club event will be Wednesday, June 10th at Faith from 7:00-9:00 pm. All kids from 2nd grade on up are invited to attend. We will have movies and games and fun for all. Adults are always welcome to attend.





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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.

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.