



Creator God

O my Creator!

Consume the thorns of all my offences.

Make clean my soul, make holy my mind,

Nail down my being in respect of your name,

Ever keep watch, guard and protect me

From every act and word that destroys the soul.

Make me holy, make me clean, set me in order.

Make me comely, give me understanding, give me light.

Make me a worthy temple of your Holy Spirit,

No more a temple of sin,

But a child of light.

You alone are the shining brightness of souls,

And to you, as God and Master,

We give all glory every day of our lives.

Simeon the New. Tenth century.

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Martha Watkins; Clell Wildes, Kendra Hummel; 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 brother, Lyle; Merrick friend of Jean Dunn. Evelyn Johnson, mother of Sue Schunter.

Marion Cares Needs You! Hi, I am a K-6th grader in a low-income neighborhood in Marion. Without Marion Cares, I wouldn't have access to organized sports activities, enrichment experiences, Bible learning, and summer academics. Do you have time from 12:15-1:15 pm any weekday from June 15-August 14? Please be a Marion Cares volunteer for one day, many days, or a whole week so that I can experience art, Bible, entertainment, field trips, health, reading and STEM. **We need three people each day!** The summer staff will lead each program. Email Director Joe at joe@marioncares.org or call his office 319-377-5344. Or check out the forms on the welcome table in the narthex.

Fellowship event for golfers. Sunday July 12 at 4:00pm at Fawn Creek Country Club, Anamosa. \$20.00 per person which includes green fees, cart, supper, and prizes. Sign up on the table in the Narthex. For more information please contact Dean Ricklefs or P.J.

Interested in a woodworking? Please consider joining a group of us who are hoping to develop a space for a shop at the rear of the new garage. We have some seed money from Thrivent and a donation of insulation from Russ Gerst. If you are able to join us, contact retired Pastor Wendell Debner at 377-4790 or email him at mwpulpit2@q.com.

2015 National Youth Gathering

Faith is excited that the upcoming 2015 Youth Gathering in Detroit is right around the corner. We will be sending 11 youth and 5 adults including: Pr. John, Pr. Amy, Danny Stone, Rob & Paula Burley, Leif Albertson, Ryan Hendrickson, Trent Kuethe, Luke Poellet, Ben Woods, Jaydin Burley, Danielle Gerlach, Amber Hunt, Renea Hood, Lydia Lines and Miranda Tweeton. The ELCA Youth Gathering for high school-age youth takes place every three years and is about faith formation, worship, study, fellowship, service and play.

It is an opportunity for youth to engage with peers from across the United States and the world who share a common commitment and faith in Christ. The Gathering is a five-day event that begins on a Wednesday evening and ends with a service of communion the following Sunday morning. The opening night sets the stage for the days ahead in which young people may have an encounter with Jesus that energizes their faith and helps them discover their call to serve in the world — locally and globally. On the days between Wednesday and Sunday, young people rotate through a variety of service learning experiences in the surrounding community. They explore and strengthen their faith by studying God's word, serving their neighbor, sharing bread and wine in worship, participating in lively faith discussions and broadening their experience of God's world and diverse communities through travel.

We were meant to be together, and we are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. So every now and then, we gather young people and adults together to share their unique stories and to experience the larger story that makes up the ELCA; we gather to be inspired, encouraged, strengthened, connected and sent out to do God's work in the world — together!

Celebrate Pr. Amy's 1st Year!

Join us on Sunday, July 12th, following 9:00 am worship as we celebrate Pr. Amy's first year of call at Faith! We will have cake and social hour.



Volunteers Still 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!

Next Week is VBS/Day Camp

Arrangements are being finalized for our upcoming week of VBS & Day Camp at Faith. We still need some volunteers! VBS theme this year is "Splash in God's Word" for children age 3 years through those entering kindergarten. Day Camp theme is "A Love that Never Ends" and will be led by the staff of EWALU. Please bring a sack lunch daily for the day campers and on Friday, we will take a field trip to EWALU.

Summer Fun Club

Events are planned throughout the summer and make sure to see what ages will be participating on which Wednesdays.

Our next Summer Fun Club event will be Wednesday, July 1st 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. Then on July 8th we will play Mini-Golf with the Day Camp Team. On July 22nd we will have another Summer Fun Club at Faith from 7-9 pm. And on Wednesday, July 29th we will bowl with the Middle School & High School kids.



Dear Faith Friends,

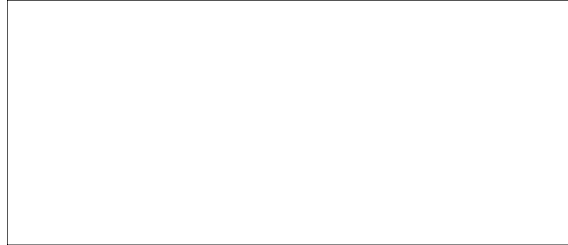
Thank you all for the sympathy, prayers, hugs, and cards when my Grandma died. Your caring and support means a lot to me.

Paul Waelchli



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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.