



## Boldly Proclaim God's Love

“You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.” (Psalm 89:9) May you find comfort and peace in your times of trouble. This week we commemorate the martyrdom of Jan Hus, one of the great trouble-makers of history. Hus was burned at the stake a hundred years before Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door in Wittenberg. Luther may have very well suffered the same fate of Hus had his actions occurred at any other time in world history. Yet, both of these reformers found trust in Christ alone, not in the *authority* of the church in Rome. Hus was confident in the power of salvation given freely to him, even in the death suffered as an executed heretic. Luther trusted in the healing power of God to triumph over the corrupt powers of the earth and point to the crucified and risen Christ as judge and savior.

While our lives of faith here in the United States are not met with a threat of martyrdom, we are reminded that God is with us. We are reminded that in the raging of the sea that can be our lives, God stills them and gives us hope to live out our lives that Christ has set us free to love one another as we wish to be loved.

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May we find courage in the examples of Hus and Luther to boldly proclaim God's love for each one of God's own beloved creation.

Intern Dennis Rodenberg

## Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Char Jacobson.

### Gathering Again Info

Our in-person church services are held on Sundays at 9:00 am. Health screening begins at 8:20 am.

#### Here's what to expect:

- Before church, Christy will greet you, ask a few questions, and take your temperature.
- She'll provide you with a mask if you don't have one and direct you to the hand sanitizer.
- All people will wear masks throughout the service.
- People will maintain 6-foot intervals when entering, sitting in the sanctuary, and exiting.
- Every other pew will be closed off. The open pews will be for families to sit together or for individuals to sit 6 feet apart.
- Pick up a hymnal as you enter the sanctuary. Return the hymnal as you leave.
- We will not yet have congregational singing or reciting prayers.
- We will be using Service of the Word without Holy Communion.
- The East bathroom (the "old" bathroom) will be available.
- The water fountain will be turned off.
- An offering plate will be available for envelope drop-off (OR please mail in your offering).
- We will wave, bow, or nod to others for passing the peace.
- Please do not leave the area of the church enclosed by the blue partitions.
- Fellowship before or after the service will take place in the parking lot with physical distancing.

Pastor John is on vacation July 7-26th. Please contact Intern Dennis or Pastor Wendell for help.

We expect that changes at a moment's notice might be necessary due to the COVID-19 crisis.

At this time, we encourage those who are over 65 and/or with health conditions to not attend in-person services. We fully respect all decisions to attend or to not attend.

On-line options for worship include the church website sermon podcast, and Facebook or YouTube streaming services. Links to these are easy to find on the home page of the church website.

Any questions? Feel free to contact:

Pastor John  
 Pastor Dennis  
 Danny Stone  
 Mike Dautremont, Facilities Director  
 Christy Pratt, Parish Nurse  
 Deb Aldrich, Worship Director

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength; . . . love your neighbor as yourself.*  
 Mark 12:30

### Worship Service Broadcasts

Faith live streams worship services on Facebook and YouTube. During the last month, we have worked to improve audio quality and have seen steady growth in online worshipers. We post a podcast of readings and sermons on Faith's web site.

#### Hints for Viewing

Links for viewing worship services are on the main page of [www.FaithLutheran.org](http://www.FaithLutheran.org). Look on the right-hand side for "Worship with Us." Facebook requires a free membership, but YouTube and the podcasts do not require a login.

If you are using a YouTube app on a smartphone or smart-tv, search for "Faith Lutheran Church Marion Iowa." We tweaked the search results to make it easier to find Faith's videos. Once you find our videos, hit the "Subscribe" button.

## Parish Nurse Notes

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is doing their part in keeping healthy and calm during this pandemic. We need to keep social distancing and wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth while we are out and about. Also, use hand sanitizer if you are unable to wash your hands while you are out. During our Sunday service I just wanted to let you know, we are doing health assessments before coming into the sanctuary and temperature checks. I just ask how you are feeling, if you have close contact with a Covid-19 positive person and if you traveled outside of the Midwest in the last 14 days. I will also ask you to wear a mask and hand sanitize before going into and leaving the sanctuary. We as a church are doing this to protect the others around us. Thank you for all that have come to service and hope to see you all again. If you would like to talk to me, you can email Christy Pratt at [parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org](mailto:parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org) or call me at 361.0445. All discussions are confidential!

## Blood Drive Results

Marion Churches had their blood drive on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Resurrection. We had 42 donations of whole blood! This is the highest amount of donations since 2012! This will help 168 patients needing blood in our area. These donations are critical due to the need for blood during this pandemic. And we couldn't do it without YOU leading the way and supporting our mission! If you were not able to donate during our blood drive, you can always come to the center to donate. The website and number to call to donate is: <https://www.bloodcenter.org> or 1-800-747-5401.

The next blood drive will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30-6:30 pm at Resurrection.

## Landscape Volunteers!

Donna & Jim McCabe have created the beautiful flower plantings all around Faith and now with a new grandchild on the way are needing a volunteer or volunteers to step in and take over. If you are interested, please contact Jen.

## Youth News

### Youth Ministry During Quarantine

Protecting the health of our children and families is vital. Faith and our ministry partners cancelled VBS, Day Camp, summer picnic and the Pine Ridge Mission Trip. Like everyone else, we are trying to discern the safest way to return to traditional ministry programming. Recent studies express concern that our isolation is harming our children and teens. What to we do? What can we do?

### Reaching out to our Youth

Danny hosts DAILY Children's Messages for our children (popular with many adults, also). The messages are posted on Facebook and cover lessons from Sunday School, the Small Catechism, and worship instruction. Feel free to look and the archive of videos that started way back in March! We will continue the messages until we "get back to normal."

**Kid's Time on Zoom** gives our youth the opportunity to gather on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. They love to show off their pets, Lego projects, share their favorite books and be goofy. Danny moderates and includes discussion and prayer. It is not a perfect substitute to in person gatherings, but the Zoom time helps soothe the isolation. The Zoom address is published on Facebook and emailed to families. Danny is also available for calls, texts and messages. He welcomes our kids on Zoom, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Messenger, Snapchat, TikTok . . . Email Danny [Youth@FaithLutheran.org](mailto:Youth@FaithLutheran.org) or call/text 319.743.5990.

## Backpacks

We once again would like to support our neighbors in need with the Marion Cares Backpack Drive. Faith has committed to 20 backpacks. Sign up will be virtual, with a link for our 20 backpacks specific to Faith. Jen will share the link in an email on Wednesday, July 15 and backpacks will be due back to Faith on Friday, July 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 Time Sundays

8:20 am—Health Screening

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.