

Christianity Means Community

“Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this...We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

What does this mean? It means that when we gather, we gather together. We gather with other Christians who come seeking a place of acceptance, forgiveness and fellowship.

What does this mean? It means that we gather to hear God’s word and to receive Jesus Body and Blood. We come broken and leave restored. This happens in corporate worship.

We gather during the week to build one another up through prayer and study. Singing together, praying together, studying together, ringing bells together, mowing the lawn together, fellowship builds up community.

What does this mean? It means that we can count on this community of faith to help us stay the course that God intends for us.

Finally it means that in life or death in time and eternity we are members of the Church, the body of Christ. We can live freely confident that God is with us embodied in the members of this community who share in our lives, mark our milestones and who, together, work for that promised better day.

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Diane Anderson, Jan Schnack, Clovis Mehmen, Aunt of Paula Burley, Cliff Waugh father of Lynette Marling, Joe friend of Kathleen Blankenburg, T.J. Barnidge's uncle, Keith Graf, twin brother of Coreen Hein, Nick, nephew of Catherine Dytrt, Richard Johnson, brother-in-law of Dick Hein, Martha Watkins; Spencer Carver brother of Bailey Freese; Annette Mohling's brother, Lyle, brother, Dean and nephew, Drew. Merrick friend of Jean Dunn.

Please join us: On July 15th, we'll have an indoor/outdoor game night. Make plans to join the Waelchli family on their last game night with us!

Thrivent is once again sponsoring "At the Movies" on Saturday, August 20th at 12:30 pm at Collins Rd Theaters. Tickets are \$2 and are good for any movie at this event and a coupon for pop and popcorn. Tickets are available from Dave Koch, the church office or call 366-2991.

Parish Nurse

The next blood pressure/blood sugar check will be Sunday, August 14 following 9:00 am worship in Pr. John's office. If you would like to talk to me, you can email Christy Pratt at parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential.

Farewell Brunch & Gift

On Sunday, July 17th at 9:00 am, we will have our farewell service and brunch to follow for Pr. Amy. As is our tradition at Faith, the Council will be taking a collection. If you would like to participate, please give your gift to one of the council members.

Faith Lutheran Church Council

Dave Ripley, Steve Deines, Dave Koch,
Karen Cain, Diane Lehtinen, Josh & Kellie
Osbeck, Amy & Nick Sagan, Lynette Marling,
Bruce Tweeton, Jeff Ausman, Vicki Barnidge

Building in Faith

Council Update

In June 2016, the church council approved the bid to replace the church's hail damaged roof with upgraded class 4 shingles (longer lasting with better wind and hail protection). The approximate cost will be about \$62,000. The church has received \$49,213 of insurance proceeds to date and will receive additional insurance proceeds of \$4,715 if we replace this summer. Leaks have been noticed and it was decided to expedite the needed roof repairs.

Through May 31, the Building in Faith for Faith fund has received \$54,360 in contributions (\$49,770 in 2016 and \$4,590 in 2015).

The Building in Faith for Faith and operating funds have been use for:

- Painting and Drywall 2016 – Interior \$13,431 (Volunteers helped with the painting saving the church substantial dollars)
- Painting and refinishing work in 2015 \$4,595
- Led Lighting in 2015 \$13,943
- Replace metal chairs with padded chairs \$2,759
- Stone Wall behind Cross (Paid with memorial funds)
- Blinds in Family Center-Summer, 2016 (To be paid with private donation)
- Repaint outdoor church sign on Alburnett Road (to be paid with memorial funds)
- Roof -Summer of 2016 – Approximately \$8,000 after insurance proceedsw



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Building in Faith (continued)

The kitchen committee is active in evaluating the layout and workflow with the expectation that the kitchen will be remodeled in the summer of 2017.

We are excited about the Building in Faith for Faith campaign which updates our facilities to allow our ministries to grow and be strengthened. We envision with upgrades that the church will allow us to do more outreach and service projects. In the fall of 2016, cottage meetings will be held to update members on the Building in Faith for Faith campaign and allow you to participate in this campaign.

Troop 360 Sweet Corn Sales

Troop 360 will be selling Sweet corn beginning soon through early August. First plantings are now tasseling, so corn will be available soon. All peaches and cream and absolutely the best sweet corn available. Cost is \$6 a baker's dozen or \$3 a half dozen. Bushel's are available for \$25 and weekly deliveries can be set up to anyone who might like corn every week it is available. Saves the Troop time and lets customers enjoy the corn over the entire course of the season! To order contact Russ Gerst at 447-6000 or email at rdgerst@iname.com.



Faith Book Club

Our next book, "Noah's Compass" by Anne Tyler, is available for pick up at the church office. Please sign out a copy. We will be meeting Thursday, July 21, 7:00 pm for discussion. Books are due back July 24th. See Sue Tweeton, Amy Sagen or Kellie Osbeck for more information.

Feed Iowa First

Wow, do the onions on Faith Farm look great or what? And how about that beautiful Faith Farm sign designed by Barb Thompson! There have been some weeds (ok, a lot of weeds...), soggy weather, and hot days to contend with but the onions and leeks are growing very, very well. If you haven't walked out to check on Faith Farm, please do! You will find many onions bigger than a grapefruit.

The onions and leeks will be ready to harvest when the tops fall over and turn slightly brown. It's fine if part of the actual onion bulb is sticking above ground; that's one sign that harvest is drawing closer. Some rows - or even portions of rows - might be ready sooner than others, which is also ok. Families who have adopted rows can watch the SEED and/or their email over the next month or so for updates on harvest.



Feed Iowa
FIRST

We will try to gather together to harvest on a few select days, as some onions and leeks will need to be picked sooner. Since all of the onions and leeks are going to Feed Iowa First, we will ensure that Sonia Kendrick oversees our harvest to ensure it's done to FIF standards.

Summer Fun Club

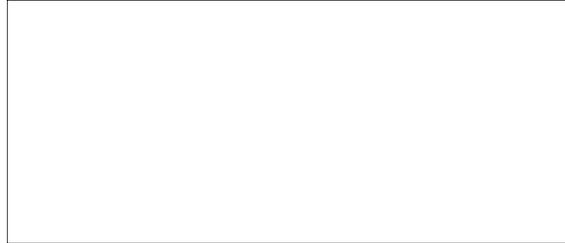
On Wednesday, July 20th we will at Faith from 7:00-9:00 pm. All kids from 2nd grade on up are invited to attend. We will have movies and games and fun for all. Adults are always welcome to attend.





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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.

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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Director of Facilities

Vicki Barnidge

Director of Youth Nurture

Jeff Ausman

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.