



God's work. Our Hands.

“God’s work. Our hands.” **Sunday** is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Mark your calendar now for the 2015 dedicated day of service: **Sunday, September 13.**

This is Faith Lutheran’s first year participating in this day of service. What can you do? **First:** Mark your calendars and plan to volunteer! We will worship together in one service at 9 am. After worship we will depart for our volunteer activities. **Second:** Sign up now on the table in the narthex for a T-Shirt. **Third:** Coming soon! Sign-up for volunteer opportunities. You can read more about them below.

Marion Cares is a joint ministry of churches in Marion to help kids and families living at or below the poverty line. Faith is a supporting congregation of Marion Cares. Marion Cares rents three apartments at Azure Apartments down the street from Faith to conduct after school programs with the children living in the complex. Thanks to the hard work and creativity of Faith Member Stacy Walker, she and a subcommittee at Marion Cares developed the following opportunities for us!

- Kids & Casseroles – 1 in 6 children in Iowa do not have enough to eat! School lunch is often the best or only meal some kids get. Much of the food kids eat requires simply adding water and heating. This project is designed to work with kids on kitchen & cooking skills. The final product will go home with the child to feed their family.
- Kids & Cleaning – The apartments that Marion Cares uses need a thorough cleaning as the school year begins. Kids of Azure will be there to help clean alongside Faith volunteers.
- Kids & Building – Build a simple bench with the kids of Azure Apartments. The bench(es) will be for the common outdoor living areas.

Feed Iowa First is a project geared toward “growing food and farmers” by using plots of land around the city and state in order to provide fresh, healthy produce to hungry Iowans. John & Kelli Lane, friends of Faith Lutheran, volunteer for this great organization and will lead this opportunity. Depending on the point of the growing cycle volunteers will: weed, harvest, or wash produce. Many hands make light work. Come and see what this excellent project is all about!

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Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is an aid organization that helps people in countries all around the world. It is ranked as one of the most transparent, accountable aid organizations in the world by Charity Navigator. The project for LWR is a no – sew fleece blanket. These blankets get shipped across the globe to people in need and provide a “sense of safety” on the hard ground.

More volunteer opportunities are in the works for our smallest members. Stay tuned.

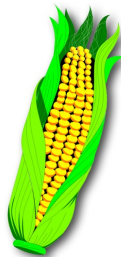
Pastor Amy Waelchli

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Dolores Holecck, Martha Watkins; Jan Schnack's brother in law, Franz; 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.

We express our sympathy to the family of Bill Herkelman who passed away last week. Bill's funeral was held here at Faith on Tuesday, July 28th.

The Boy Scout Troop will again be selling sweet corn over the next several weeks. Cost is \$6 doz., \$25 for a bushel (5 dozen.). Grown across the street from Faith, the corn is peaches and cream, no herbicides or pesticides, and has always been delicious! If anyone wishes to purchase any corn, please contact Russ Gerst 447-6000 rdgerst@iname.com or check in with Bonnie on her FB page.



Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure and blood sugar screening is August 9th in Pastor John's office.

Be on the lookout for Crop Walk 2015 information in the narthex. Details will be out soon. The walk is October 11th at 1 pm. It will start at Thomas Park trail, walk to Boyson Rd and back.

Come join me with Pr Amy for the Cross Walk every Thursday at 9:30am at the Boyson trail.

If you would like to talk to me, you can e-mail Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or call the office at 377-9700. All discussions are confidential!

Task Force Needs Ideas/Input

As stewards of this Congregation's mission and to assure that this facility will continue to be a place of worship, the Church Council has set up a Task Force. The task force of Bruce Tweeton, Daisy Roehr, Rick Yoerger, Jeff Ausman and Jackie Devine have been asked to determine the Capital Improvements needed for the physical building and grounds. With an aging building, there are needs outside the normal operating budget. We are asking members for input. What do you see that needs to be done and what would you like to have done?

At this time, we are gathering information, determining cost, length of time needed to complete and order of priority. This is the time to raise your voice! You may talk to any of the members of the Task Force, or put suggestions in Jen's box or give them to the Pastors. We need immediate responses as we have a two month window to gather this information. The Council will make an informed decision on how to proceed. Thank you!

Thrivent Events for you!

Thrivent Financial is sponsoring two events this month that are available to all even if you're not a Thrivent member. Friends welcome too!

Thursday, August 20th, Thrivent is sponsoring Jazz Under the Stars and Picnic in the Park at 6:00 pm with the concert beginning at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$2 per person and includes pizza and soda and is located at Noelridge Park. Bring your own lawn chair.

On August 22nd, Thrivent at the Movies at Collins Road Theaters. Ticket vouchers are \$2 each and can be exchanged for any movie showing on Aug 22nd from 12:30 pm—9:00 pm. Also good for a free popcorn and pop.

Check out the posters for reservation details.

Fellowship Event

Join us on Saturday, August 8th at 6:30 pm following worship for a Sloppy Joe dinner. After dinner, we'll enjoy some board games and outdoor activities if the weather is nice. Bring a side dish to share and your favorite game. Please sign up in the narthex. All ages welcome!

it's **Game** night

2015 National Youth Gathering



The ELCA Youth Gathering 2015 is in the books and was a great success. We would like to thank all the members of Faith who have given over the last two years their time, and money to help fund this very important trip.

THANK
YOU!

Summer Fun Club

On August 5th we will have our final Summer Fun Club at Faith from 7-9 pm. Come join us for our last shindig here at church.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Faith's students (pre-school to college) are invited to receive a special blessing to honor the beginning of the 2015 school year. Students will receive a blessing during the Children's Message during the 9:00 AM, Sunday service. Bring your backpacks, trappers . . . Your Faith community wants to celebrate and support your educational journey.



Rally Sunday

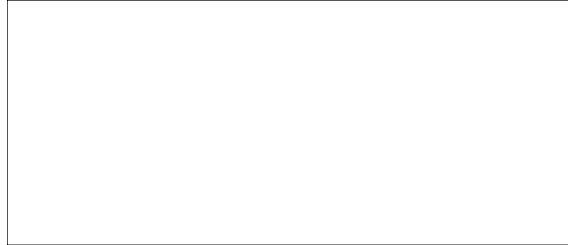
Make plans now to join us for Rally Sunday, August 30th. Worship is at 9:00 am and Rally Day Sunday School activities at 10:15 am. Potluck with burgers and hot dogs will be at 11:30 am with inflatables, grown up games with fellowship and fun to follow.





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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.