



Run the Race

It's go time! Time of beginnings, school, fall sports, Band camp.

The fall program year at church has started as well. Yesterday was a banner day as we welcomed Intern Rodney Bluml, blessed the backpacks, took a dunk in the dunk tank, jumped in the bouncy house, ate a hamburger and played bingo. A busy, joyous day indeed!

Challenge and joy, the secret is to find the balance. It's easy to get caught up in the busyness of life. The never ending schedules, overwhelming school work, demands of after school activities, responsibilities of job and family, nagging pains and loneliness that come with old age.

Even our best intentions leave little time for God or God's work. Keeping time with God gives life and purpose to all the other things that rule our days.

I offer this simple prayer. It's one of my favorite choir anthems. "Guide my Feet, Lord. Written for an ordination service and based on II Tim. 4: 7

"Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race."

"Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race."

"Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race."

Each stanza ends with, **"cause I don't want to run this race in vain."**

I invite you to commit these words to memory. May they help lighten the load as you keep your eyes focused on God.

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II Timothy 4:7: "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Zach Miglia, Milo Popp, Katy Zylstra, Diane Anderson, Jan Schnack, Coreen Hein's sister, Marian Brown, Clovis Mehmen, Aunt of Paula Burley, Richard Johnson brother-in-law of Dick Hein, Cliff Waugh father of Lynette Marling, Joe friend of Kathleen Blankenburg, T.J. Barnidge's uncle, Nick, nephew of Catherine Dytrt, Martha Watkins; Spencer Carver brother of Bailey Freese; Annette Mohling's brother, Lyle, brother, Dean and nephew, Drew. Merrick friend of Jean Dunn. **EWALU Camp & Retreat Center** is holding their 29th Annual Fall Festival and Quilt Auction on Saturday, September 17th. Activities include a country store, concession stand, hayrides, demonstrations, quilt review and live music. A devotional service begins at 11 am and lunch follows at noon with the quilt auction beginning at 1:00 pm.

Adult Nurture is hosting a conference on Human Trafficking on September 24th at Faith starting at 9:00 am. Lenchen Raeside is the guest speaker. More information will be coming soon!

Our Craft Club will resume their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 13th from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Bring your favorite project and come work with others. A soup lunch is provided, you may bring a dish or snack to share if you'd like.

Worship Time Change

Our Sunday Worship times change on **SEPTEMBER 18th**.

We will then continue to have Saturday evening worship at 5:30 pm and Sunday worship at 8:00 & 10:45 am. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:10 am.



Sunday Worship
TIME CHANGE

Your Participation is Needed

Advent... Preparation for Christmas. The Adult Nurture Committee is thinking about and planning for Advent. **We invite your participation.** Our goal is to have an Advent devotional booklet for all the Faith Lutheran families to enjoy. Each day of Advent will be included in the booklet so we need a lot of ideas from you. We would like to include customs and traditions from different countries in preparing for Christmas. Here is where you come into the picture. Please share any customs of your family or nationality with one of our committee members: Pastor John, David Cunningham, Susan Tweeton, Stacia Walker, or Diane Lehtinen.

Lunch Bunch Revived!

Would you like to join us for a catered meal by HyVee on the 3rd Thursday of each month here at Church? The cost would be approximately \$11 per person.

If we have enough people interested -- our first luncheon would be at 11:30 am on Thursday, September 15th. Games would follow at 1:00 pm for those interested in staying.

Please call Char Jacobson #395-9258 or Catherine Dytrt #842-2320 if you would like to participate or for more information.

Especially for You Race

We will again have a team for the Especially for You Race for breast cancer from Faith for this 1 mile and 5k run/walk. It will be on October 9th at 8am. Cost is \$30 per person and \$20 for youth. We need at least 15 people in order to have a team. The sign-up sheet will be out in the narthex! Even if you can't join us, you still can donate to this cause and get a T-shirt!

Please sign up by Thursday, September 15th. For questions, contact our Parish Nurse Christy Pratt at 362-5372 or text at 361-0445.

Swamp Fox Parade

Swamp Fox Festival, September 24 is right around the corner. We invite all who are interested in walking in the parade to sign up at the welcome table. David Kroeger has made the necessary preparations for us.



Sunday Evenings with Luther

Come spend time with Pastor John as we engage in Luther’s understanding of salvation. We begin with the “Lutheran Course, the fundamentals of Lutheranism in seven sessions.”

Topics covered: Law and Gospel, Lutheran Reformation, Baptism, Communion, Jesus, Bible, Witness. We then move into Luther’s Small Catechism and the question, “What does this mean?”

The study is open to all. Come join us as we explore our faith in light of Luther’s understanding of Grace alone, Faith alone, the Word alone.

When: Sundays beginning September 25th

Where: Faith Library

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Coffee and cookies of course!



Teacher Enrichment Day

For anyone teaching Sunday School, serving with WNL, helping kids with music, mentoring youth, leading arts & crafts please join us on Sunday, August 28th from 10:15 am to 1:15 pm for a day of learning, lunch and fun!



Please sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the narthex and make plans to come.

Bible Sunday

Bibles Sunday for 2nd Grade Youth will be Sunday, September 18th at the 8:00 am and 10:45 am services. We will present Bibles during the Children’s Message at each worship. These Bibles “fit” the faith needs of growing readers and are used in Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live. If you have any questions, please call Danny at 743.5990 (Cell) or email youth@faithlutheran.org. Bibles will be available for pick up in the Church Office after September 18th if your family cannot attend worship on Sunday.

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, Sept 7th– WNL with HS team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Sept 14th- WNL with the Men’s team for cooking and clean-up

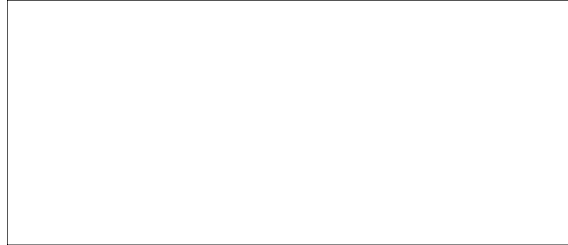
Wednesday, Sept 21th– WNL with the Women’s team for cooking and clean up.





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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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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.