



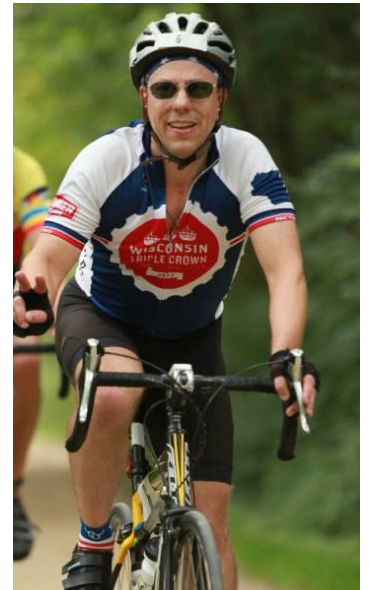
Welcome our Pastoral Intern Rodney Bluml!

Hi Everyone, my name is Rodney Bluml. I am 52 years old (I was due to be born the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated) and am married 20 years to Bonnie who hails from Birmingham, AL. Together we have two children, Mitchell, who attends Wartburg College, and Kealey, who is a senior at Linn Mar. I grew up the oldest of three in Dubuque and have lived in the Marion area for 20 years.

I completed a Master of Arts in Sacramental Theology and Liturgical Studies in addition to an MDIV while studying to be a Roman Catholic priest at the School of Divinity – University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. I was a lay pastoral minister for seventeen years at St. Joseph Catholic Church here in Marion, and have worked at Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center in Hiawatha as a trained Spiritual Director and Coordinator of Programs for the last three years. I began my dialogue with the ELCA about a dozen years ago and I am happy my heart’s longing to serve as a pastor is being acknowledged. I pray for the humility and stamina to let it unfold.

I had the thrill of living and studying in the Holy Land for a semester in 1992 and led pilgrimages there in 2011 & 2009. It is where my passion for the Scriptures as living words of God was ignited. I have written a weekly worship aid/commentary on the lectionary readings for the past fifteen years. If you are interested it checking it out, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/takinghometheword>.

Some of my hobbies include bicycling, singing, cooking, traveling, meeting new people, learning, hiking, and live music. I am an affiliate member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. I try to express in my daily life the virtues of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi, especially by seeking to find the divine expression in all of creation, attending to the marginalized in my presence, listening, being joyful, and simple living.



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I know this year will go by very quickly. I am appreciative of the opportunity to have you as companions on this part of my journey as I prepare, study, and learn. Thank you for your support and patience.

Shalom,

Pastoral Intern Rodney Bluml

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Zach Miglia, Milo Popp, Coreen Hein's sister, Marian Brown, Clovis Mehmen, Aunt of Paula Burley, Joe friend of Kathleen Blankenburg, T.J. Barnidge's uncle, Nick, nephew of Catherine Dytrt, Annette Mohling's brother, Lyle, brother, Dean and nephew, Drew. Merrick friend of Jean Dunn.

The Men's Breakfast group will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 9:00 am.

We celebrate with Stacia & Aaron Walker & family on the birth of their daughter, Lila Grace born Sunday, September 4th.

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.

EWALU Camp & Retreat Center is holding their 29th Annual Fall Festival and Quilt Auction on Saturday, September 17th.

Swamp Fox Festival on Saturday, 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.

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 can be found on the posters located around the church.

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.

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Good Time Rollers Pizza & Bonfire Friday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm at the Pasker's. Please bring a lawn chair, drink of choice and an appetizer to share. Sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table.
20's & 30's Pizza Cook Off/Game Night Join us on Saturday, October 8th after church service for a pizza cook off and game night. Bring ingredients to make your favorite homemade pizza. If you don't make your own pizza, or don't want to share your recipe, come anyways! We'll have plenty to go around. Contact Amy Sagan with questions or for more details.

All Ages Dinner & Game Night Save the Date: Saturday, November 5th, all ages dinner and game night following Saturday service. More details to come.

Fellowship Snacks Needed With Sunday School starting up in a few weeks, we are looking for volunteers to provide some fellowship time snacks or to assist with clean up. If you're interested, there will be a sign-up in the Narthex.

Ladies Galena Shopping Trip We have two open spots for the Ladies shopping trip to Galena on Thursday, October 19th, 8:30am-6:00 pm. The cost is \$30 which covers transportation on a charter bus to and from Galena. Meals are on your own. Please contact Amy Sagan for more details, or to reserve your spot.

Lunch Bunch Returns

Join us at 11:30 am Thursday, Sept. 15th in the Family Center. Catered lunch by Hy-Vee. Menu will be: baked chicken breast, party potatoes, green beans, rolls. Also dessert - rhubarb crisp and cherry cheese cake. Please inform Catherine Dytrt by Sunday, September 11th to confirm your participation.
 Cost will be \$10.00- payable by cash or check made out to Faith Lutheran Church (notation lunch bunch). Games will follow at 1:00 pm. Join 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!



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.

Faith Golf Outing

Faith Lutheran Church is having an Golf Outing on Sunday, September 18th at Fawn Creek Country Club in Anamosa. Tee time is 3:00 pm and cost is \$20 which includes green fees, cart and meal afterwards. Please sign up on the clipboard on the welcome table in the narthex. See Dave Gerlach for questions.

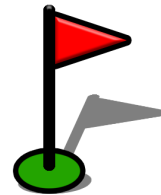
Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, September 17th. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "The Angry Birds Movie" (PG) or for bigger kids in the Youth Room we have "The Jungle Book" (PG). The Grown Up Pick is "Miracles from Heaven" (PG) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or care giver)

Then the MS/Sr. High Youth have 2 options from 9:00-11:00 pm including "Civil War" in the Family Center (PG-13) and "Batman vs. Superman" (PG-13) in the Youth Room. Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks, come and join the fun, family night!

YFM Event for September

Come join us for our September event at Waterfall National Mini Golf on Sunday, September 18th from 2-4:00 pm the cost is \$5. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex. Adult drivers needed.



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

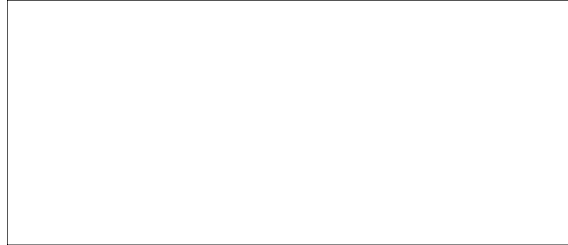
Wednesday, Sept 21th— WNL with the Women's team for cooking and clean up.





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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

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

ON SUNDAY, SEPT 18TH

Saturdays

5:30 pm– Worship

Sundays

8:00 am–Worship

9:10 am—Sunday School

10:45 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.