



Orders Remain Unchanged

Every hour on the hour, 365 days a year, a soldier reports for duty at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. The way in which this takes place is impressive. I was able to see it a few years ago on a trip to Washington D.C. Even more striking are the orders handed on. Always the command is the same, **“orders remained unchanged.”**

In this ever changing, ever moving, ever challenging time we have one whose command also remains unchanged. Jesus says, Go. Preach. Baptize. Eat and Drink of my body. These orders never change. They may take on new words and rituals but the intent is the same. Every hour on the hour, 365 days a year.

“Go, make disciples.” Heal the sick and pray for those who see things differently. And when your work is done, pass it on to those who follow. The orders are the same—not to guard a tomb in which an unknown body rests but to tell the “old, old story” of Jesus and his love.

In this community of faith, that story takes center stage. We engage in the story in worship, in study, in conversation, in all we do for that story is the reason we do what we do. Boldly living out our faith under the sign of the cross we bring light and salt to the people we meet.

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Take the risk—tell the story—you are in good company! God’s company!

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Dennis Sutherland, 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 Dyrtr, Annette Mohling's brother, Lyle, brother, Dean and nephew, Drew. Merrick friend of Jean Dunn.

We express our sympathies to Anna Miglia and family on the loss of her mother.

We also express our sympathies to Penny Ripley on the recent passing of her uncle.

Daytime Disciples will meet on Tuesday, September 27 at 1:00 pm. All ladies are invited to attend.

We are collecting peanut butter, mac & cheese, canned fruit and cereal for the Marion Food Pantry. Please bring your items to the church.

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.

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.

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.

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 **WEDNESDAY**, 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.

New Member Dinner

Interested in becoming a member of Faith?

We will have a new member dinner Sunday, October 2nd from

5-7:00 pm. The reception of new members will take place the following weekend. RSVP to

Jen at the church office of Witness Committee Chairman, Lynette Marling at lynettemarling@gmail.com



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!

Pet Blessing

Come join us on Saturday, October 8th at 10:00 am for our annual Pet Blessing. From goldfish to horses, pets of all denominations welcome! If your pet can't make it, bring a picture. If you don't have a live animal in your household, children are welcome to bring Teddy bears or other beloved stuffed animals. Friends can come too!

To maintain a peaceable kingdom: please make sure your pet is properly restrained (leash for dogs, carrying cage for cats & small animals) and is current on all vaccinations.

Pet Blessing



Truck or Treat Event

Make plans to join us at Faith on Saturday, October 22nd. Come to worship at 5:30 pm and at 6:30 pm we invited the kids to wear their Halloween costumes, bring their friends. Parents are asked to bring non-perishables (non-glass) food items to **FILL THE TRUCK!**

We will then have the truck back on Sunday and will accept more donations.



Following worship, we will have hot dogs and munchies the kids will be able to trunk or treat. A bonfire and music provided by Casey Orr will insure an evening of fantastic fall fellowship.

Men's Retreat

Attention Men: Sign up now for the annual Men's Retreat "Me, Myself & I" facilitated by Pr. John at EWALU Camp on Friday, October 28 beginning at 6:00 pm through Saturday, October 29 at noon.

Wednesday Night Live

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

Wednesday, Sept 28th— WNL with HS team for cooking and clean-up.

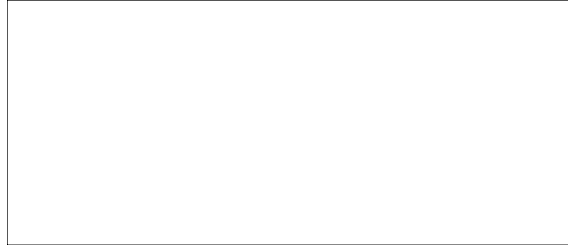
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*We are a community of Faith,
growing in Christ, sharing God's love.*

Worship Opportunities

All are welcome and invited to worship at Faith Lutheran Church.

WORSHIP TIMES

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.