



## Called and Ordained

**“Called and Ordained.”** The call committee is reading this book to gain further understanding of what an ordained pastor does in order that the new associate may begin on a positive note. So what have we learned so far? Luther’s break with Rome meant that the church had to reinvent the role of clergy. Luther insisted on a theology of “Word alone, Grace alone, faith alone.” This theology essentially meant that the Christian could pray directly to God without the help of saints. Salvation was a work completed by Christ on the cross and therefore freely given to all baptized.

Lutheran clergy kept many of the marks of the Roman church but adapted its methods to reflect the new understanding of word, grace and faith alone.

The most important duty of the clergy is to keep good order. Ordination is the call to public ministry. According to Augsburg Confession the role of the pastor and the true marks of the church are to see that the Word of God is preached and the Sacraments of Christ are administered.

The cross is central to who we are and the pastor is to hold that cross up at all times. Luther’s theology of the cross reminds us that we are saint and sinner at the same time. This means that the pastor is called to perform the public ministry of the church while at the same time claiming the forgiveness of God and life in the sacraments.

“Go, baptize, preach, teach, absolve.” “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” “The entire drive behind ministry is toward making public, bearing witness to, the mystery hidden for ages now revealed in the church.” Ministry, shaped by the cross is necessary for the building up of the Kingdom of God.” (Called and Ordained)

The call process will take time so prayer and patience is needed.

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In the mean time, we have been granted a seminary intern to begin work in January of 2020.

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Penny White, Richard Hill, Katelyn & premie baby (niece of Catherine Dyrtr), Pastor Roger McKinstry and Harriet Instefjord (mother of Connie Bulman).

**Come join us on Saturday, October 5th** at 10:00 am for our annual Pet Blessing. From goldfish to horses, pets of all denominations welcome! If Friends can come too! We will have a giving tree and will be collecting items and monetary donations for the Cedar Valley Humane Society.

**Attention Golfers:** Faith Lutheran Church Golf Outing on Sunday, October 6th beginning at 2:30 pm at Fawn Creek Golf Course in Anamosa. Cost: \$25.00 (includes 9 holes of golf, cart, and a meal to follow) Format: 2 Person Best Shot Sign up sheet in the back of the Narthex. Questions: Contact Dave Gerlach

**The Evening Bible Study will begin** on Monday, October 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm. This group will meet the second and fourth Mondays throughout October, November, and early December. Our topic this year is Bible Basics, and we will look at questions such as: What is the Bible? Who wrote the Bible? Does the God of the Bible have eyes and ears? Was Jonah actually swallowed by a whale? Why does the Bible tell stories more than once? Does the Old Testament have as much authority as the New Testament? Why does it seem like some texts in the Bible disagree with other texts? All adults and youth confirmation age and older are invited to attend. We are in need of someone to do Altar Guild on the 4th Saturday of the month. Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex.

**On Sunday, November 4th** the Worship Committee will be holding informational meetings on worship team positions like ushers, greeters, lectors and communions assistants in the family center.

## Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is October 13th after service in the Associate Pastor's office. I will be speaking during the fall education series about high blood pressure, diabetes and how it affects the body on October 6th at 10:00 am.

If you would like to talk to me, you can email Christy Pratt at [parishnurse@faithlutheran.org](mailto:parishnurse@faithlutheran.org) or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!

## Men's Retreat

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus was a carpenter and a fisherman. His trade influenced his decision—"Cast your net on the other side" "Take up your cross and follow me." How does our faith influence our vocation? Come share your stories as we enter into Jesus story on retreat at EWALU.

Date: Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19  
Time: Supper from 5:30—6:30 and Session begins at 7:00 pm through Saturday at 1:00 pm.

Where: Camp EWALU (37776 Alpha Ave, Strawberry Point, IA)

Cost: \$40

We will be staying in a cabin in dorm rooms. Each room includes a comfortable bed, sink, toilet and shower. Please bring bedding and pillow, drinks and snacks to share. Sign up on the sheet on the welcome table in the narthex.

## God's Work Our Hands

God's Work, Our Hands was another successful event! On September 8<sup>th</sup>, we were able to cut out patterns out of jeans to make 35 pairs of shoes, made over 100 hygiene kits for homeless veterans, 10 cleaning kits for homeless vets transitioning to their new homes, 10 blankets for homeless animals at Cedar Valley Humane Society and boxed and prepped backpacks full of food at HACAP. Indian Creek was a wash out due to the rain. Thanks to all that helped out during our day of service!

## Faith Farm Update

Our successful farm is still producing fresh collard and broccoli for Feed Iowa First. Thanks for all the volunteers on the picking and transportation teams helping out with this worthy cause. In a couple of weeks, we will be closing down the farm and will need help in the fall clean up. Look for updates in the next SEED and Facebook event for this clean up.



## Lifetouch Church Directory

Photography days for our church directory will be: October 17 & 18 from 2:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 am—5:00 pm. You may call Jen at 377-9700 and she'd be happy to help you sign up or we can find you an alternative location nearby on a date that works in your schedule.

## Fall Education Series

Adult Nurture Committee is presenting 8 weeks of education during Sunday School .

You may join in to any and all presentations.

**Sundays at 10:20 am  
Beginning September 15th**

Remaining Lineup:

Oct 6th: High Blood Pressure & Diabetes

Oct 13th: Grief—A Natural and Normal Response to Loss

Oct 20th: Assisted Living

Oct 27th: Alice Training

Nov 10th: Marriage & Divorce

## Middle School Overnight

Calling all Middle School youth! Join us on Friday, November 1st from 8:00 pm to Saturday, November 2nd at 8:00 am for an overnight to remember! There will be bible time, games, fellowship, food, movies and fun. Cost is \$5 and snack donations are welcome. High School volunteers and caring adults needed. Sign up on the welcome table and see YFM Team to volunteer.



## Marion Churches Blood Drive

Sign up on the welcome table for the next blood drive on Thursday, Oct 17th at Resurrection.

## October Youth Event

Join us for a Family Outing to Bloomsbury Farm on Sunday, October 13th at 2:00 pm. We will carpool from Faith Lutheran leaving at 2:00 pm and return by 5:30 pm. Admission is \$10 per person. Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex if you plan to attend. Adult drivers are always needed to help.



## October Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, October 19th From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Aladdin" (PG) or for Middle School & Older in the Youth Room we have "Dark Phoenix" (PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is "Red Joan" (R) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or caregiver)

Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks, come and join the fun family night.



## Wednesday Night Live

**Wednesday, Oct. 2nd**—WNL with HS team for cooking and clean-up.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9th** –WNL with Women's team for cooking and clean-up.

**Wednesday, Oct. 16th** –WNL with Men'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.

### Worship Times

**Saturdays**

5:30 pm— Worship

**Sundays**

9:00 am— Worship

**Fall Education Continues**

**on**

**Sundays**

**At 10:20 am**

*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.