



Pentecost 2020

Greetings in the Name of Jesus!

In this different and difficult time of being church let us pause and give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received and continue to receive from Jesus Christ.

Although we are not able to worship in the manner we are use to, we continue to serve the liturgy by focusing on the Word. I am grateful for the opportunity to provide weekly worship and for those folks who help to make this happen. It has been a learning time for all of us. And I'm happy to report that many people take advantage of the weekly worship either in-person or online.

It is also a joy to report that congregational giving remains positive. We are able to meet financial responsibilities because of your generous contributions. Know that God's kingdom is being served through your financial commitments.

It is also gratifying to know that people are being helped with storm damage removal, church property cleanup and tending to the Farm which feeds Iowa families.

God is good and so we pause to thank God and to examine our time, talents and financial resources for the coming year. Please consider ways that you can continue to support the many ministry opportunities here at Faith Lutheran and through our partnerships with Churchwide and local needs.

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Again thank you! May you be blessed as you prayerfully consider your offerings so that together we may use our hands to do God's work.

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Elroy Hill, Diane Anderson, Char Jacobson.

We express our sympathy to Kaye McIlrath and family on the passing of her mother, Millie.

Christ in Our Home Devotional booklets for October-December are available in the free Little Library by the Family Center entrance.

Gathering Again

Hello Faith members! Our guidelines for Sunday in-person worship at 9:00 am:

- * Christy Pratt, Parish Nurse will do a quick health check before you enter.
- * All people will wear masks throughout the service.
- * People will stand and sit 6 feet apart.
- * We will not yet have congregational singing, reciting prayers, or Holy Communion.
- * The water fountain will be turned off.
- * An offering plate will be available for envelope drop-off (OR please mail your offering).
- * Please do not leave the area of the church enclosed by the blue partitions.

Experience is showing us that we can accommodate no more than 40 people for in-person worship. We ask for your patience as we work through further details.

We expect that changes at a moment's notice might be necessary due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Factors we are considering:

- school closures
- the Governor closing other places besides bars or reducing the number of people who can gather
- the Linn County Health Department issuing further restriction.

If these conditions change, we will temporarily return to online-only worship. Online options for worship include the church website sermon podcast, and Facebook or YouTube streaming services. Links to these are easy to find on the home page of the church website. We fully respect all decisions to attend in-person worship if it is available or to worship online.

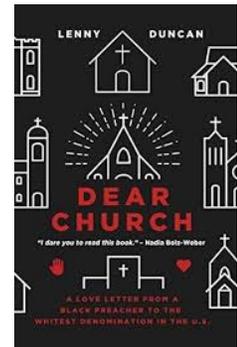
Intern Dennis & PJ's Classes

Pastor John offers an online study on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. The topic of the study is "Parables of Grace" and you can find the link by going to our faithlutheran.org website and clicking on the link.

Fall Pastor's Class began Sunday, September 20. Additional books are available in the Free Little Library outside the Family Center entrance. You are invited

to join Intern Dennis who is leading a discussion of our call to faith as children of God in light of racism in this country. We will be looking at Lutheran Pastor Lenny Duncan's book "Dear Church,". Due to Covid, we have moved class to an online version, using the Zoom platform to meet at 5:00 pm on

at each Sunday night following. Please contact Intern Dennis with questions you may have or if you are interested in talking more deeply on the call to listen and act on this topic. Blessings on your journey!



Stewardship Resources

The individual and collective sense of stewardship is strong within the congregation of Faith, as mentioned by Pastor John in his opening article. God's work in this place has been abundant, and I have confidence that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and motivate your continued stewardship.

I pray you take time to Give Thanks for the gifts that God has given you. In your time of praise for these gifts, I pray you to take time to ask yourself what it means to give to God what is God's (Matthew 22:21). After you ask this question, then take time to dream of the impact that your stewardship to God's mission here on Earth—the Church—are the actions that show our love for our neighbors.

Additional messages related to stewardship and personal stories of faith will soon be posted on the website and church Facebook pages. If you have further questions, please contact Pastor Dennis.

Marion Blood Drive

The next Marion Churches Blood Drive will be Thursday, October 22nd from 2:00 pm—6:00 pm at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. The Blood Center is continuing to see countless cancelations and challenges brought on by the pandemic. By giving blood at the fall, you will ensure that patients at our local hospitals have the life-saving blood products they need. ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED!

To sign up go to:

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/92344 or contact Christy Pratt parishnurse@faithlutheran.org.

Appointments and masks are required. Walk-ins will not be accepted to allow for proper distancing. You may not bring additional guests with you to the drive.



Youth Ministry Info

Kids' Time Returns

Internet is back for homes! Danny hosts Kid's Time on Zoom this week – Wednesday at 5:30 PM. Faith's kids can gather for a Bible Study and fun with friends. Watch for the link posted on Facebook.



WNL and Sunday School

Luther wrote the Small Catechism, to help families teach faith at home. This year, we get to live out that call . . . with assistance from Faith. All lessons are available to download at FaithLutheran.org. Danny posts Facebook videos each week to introduce the lessons. He is also available to assist parents with lesson prompts and activities.



STAYING CONNECTED DURING COVID-19

Marion Churches Food Pantry

Our local Marion Churches Food Pantry is very grateful for the many donations to date to help our local neighbors in need. Items are still being collected and can be dropped off in the box located outside the carport on Wed/Thurs/Fri or at Church on Sundays. Requested items include:

- Soups, dried lentils & beans
- Mac & Cheese, Boxed Potatoes
- Peanut butter, Canned Meat
- Canned fruit
- Bath Tissue - Paper/Hygiene Products

Marion Cares-Coats 4 Kids

You can still help provide winter coats, snow pants, snow boots and other essential items for kids in our community. Sign up TODAY to purchase items for a child at <https://signup.com/go/BEQOnFK> or donate online at <https://marioncares.org/donate/> and Marion Cares will do the shopping for you!

MSLC Still Needs Help!

Marion Senior Living's fundraiser in place of their annual Lasagna dinner fundraiser that has been cancelled because of the pandemic is underway and will go through October. Five dollar Zio Johnno's coupons are being sold and can be used in as many quantities as you wish and never expire. Jen has 21 remaining \$5 coupons for your purchase in the church office and available for pick up on Wed/Thurs/Fri from 7:00 am—3:00 pm. This fundraiser helps MSLC continue to update and expand the service and security options that assure the well-being of our residents. Thanks for your support!



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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 Time Sundays

8:20 am—Health Screening

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.