

## All Saints

“And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!” (ELW 422)

Life is hard. It is filled with uncertainties and doubts, sickness and death. Life is filled with relentless responsibilities and endless details to attend to. Try as we might it is impossible to sugar coat the strife we face from day to day. It seems like destructive ways of sugar coating the stress are on the rise: alcoholism, obesity, gambling, relationship failure, economic crisis, suicide. Certainly Faith Lutheran Congregation is not immune! In some ways, this is nothing new. Christians of every time and every place faced hardships as well. We call these people “saints.” Not because they were special or more holy than the rest, but because they placed their lives in God’s hands and lived their lives in the light of God’s grace. Their memory stands as a witness to God’s sure and certain promise of a “new day” when strife and warfare will cease. In the meantime, the church provides a place where folks can come in out of the strife and rest. In weekly word and worship we prepare ourselves for “yet another day of service in Jesus name.” All Saint’s Day recognizes the ministry and mission of people like you and me who have made a difference, folks who have kept the faith despite the insurmountable odds of daily living. May we draw courage from their lives, hold each other in prayer, and keep our ears tuned to that “distant triumph song.”

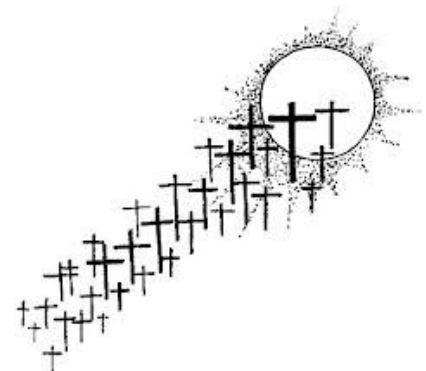
“From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!”

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Terrie McCarthy, Dennis Sutherland, Zach Miglia, Milo Popp, Cheryl Gaul, mother of Christy Pratt, Jackie Devine's Mother, 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.

**We celebrate with our recent** Confirmands: Lauren Kuethe, Crystal Talley & Michaela Tweeton.

**Marion Food Pantry Collection items:** Boxed potatoes, pasta, soup and rice.

**The Churches of Marion Food Pantry** is seeking a "Food Procurement and Storage" volunteer to assist in the mission of alleviating food insecurity in our neighborhood. This person would monitor the Pantry's inventory, purchase food, and arrange for deliver to the Pantry's storage areas. The person currently serving in this position has resigned because of health reasons, and there is need for an immediate replacement. For further information contact the president of the Board, Gary Frederick, [377-6887] or [gfrede5612@aol.com](mailto:gfrede5612@aol.com)

**Come play bells** and join in the camaraderie in Faith's bell choir. Both full-time and part-time substitutes are welcome. The music is easy to play and the group is fun. Contact Penny Ripley 899-7751.

**Save the Date:** The Men will have one final men's breakfast of the year on Tuesday, November 29th at 9:00 am. Make plans to join us!

**The Semi-Annual Meeting** of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, November 20th at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Please make plans to attend.

**Craft Club will meet on** Tuesday, November 8th in the Library. Bring your own project that you are working on and come for fellowship with other crafters. Soup lunch will be offered and you may bring a snack to share. At 1:00 pm we will have a Prayer Shawl Meeting if needed.

**Lunch Bunch will meet on** Thursday, Nov 17th at 11:30 pm. Cost is \$9 and the menu will be Swiss Steak, Mashed potatoes and green beans. Dessert will be provided. Reservations are needed by Sunday, November 13th. Please contact Catherine Dytrt or Char Jacobson.

## Upcoming Fellowship Events

**Good Time Rollers** (40+ Group) is planning a Progressive Dinner on Sunday, November 13th. Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex if you can attend.

### Fellowship Snacks Needed

As Sunday School continues we are looking for a few 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.

## All Saints Sunday

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
all who by faith before the world confessed,  
your name of Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 6th. Once again, we will be honoring those "saints" in our lives who have died and now serve God in heaven. Those remembered may be a family member, friend or other special person.

If you would like to participate, please fill out a sheet on the welcome table and return it to Jen by Wednesday, November 2nd. As part of the liturgy we will remember them by name and with a lighted candle.



## Daylight Savings Time

Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time Change takes place on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00 am. Please remember to "Fall Back" or wind your clocks back one hour before heading to church on Sunday, November 6th!



## Middle School Overnight

Attention all Middle Schoolers! We will be having an overnight Pajama Party here at Faith on November 11th from 8:00 pm—Saturday the 12th at 8:00 am. We will have learning, games, movies, snacks, fellowship and fun. We will jump in and explore what we need to have healthy lives including a good night sleep, healthy meals and true friends.

Register by November 6th. Snack donations are welcome as well as caring adults needed. See the YFM Team to lend a hand!

## Giving Opportunities

Once again, Faith Lutheran will be helping a few local organizations that help local people this holiday season. First, we have been asked by Marion Senior Living to help make Christmas a little brighter for their residents by providing \$20 gift cards for Hy-Vee, Fareway or Wal-mart. Cards can be dropped in the collection plate or brought to Pastor John or the church office. In a couple weeks we will have information out for Marion Cares Angel Tree and also a Pet Angel Tree to benefit the Cedar Valley Humane Society. Stay tuned and thank you in advance for your overwhelming support of our local community!



## Looking Ahead...Christmas

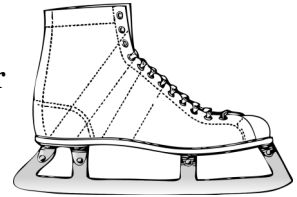
**Mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas Worship Times:**

Saturday, Dec. 24th—5:30 pm & 9:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 25th—9:00 am only

## November's YFM Outing

Attention all Faith Members of all ages! You are invited and welcome to attend our next November Fellowship event on Sunday, November 13th from 1:30-5:00 pm we will have an Ice Skating Party at Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. Cost is \$8 per person for skate rental and young and novice skaters should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Hot chocolate and awards back at Faith at 4:30 pm. Drivers are also needed to carpool. Please sign up at Faith's welcome table.



## November Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, October 15th. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Finding Dory" (PG) or for bigger kids in the Youth Room we have "Alice Through the Looking Glass" (PG). The Grown Up Pick is "Beyond" (PG-13) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or care giver)

Then Older kids session has 2 options from 9:00-11:00 pm including "Nerve" in the Family Center (PG-13) and "Independence Day Resurgence" (PG-13) in the Youth Room. Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks, come and join the fun, family night!

## Wednesday Night Live

**Wednesday, Nov. 2nd**— WNL with the Women's team for cooking and clean up.

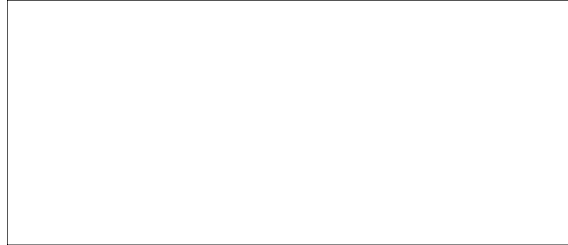
**Wednesday, Nov. 9th**— WNL with HS team for cooking and clean-up.

**Wednesday, Nov. 16th**- WNL with the 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

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.