



November 11, 2021

A.C.T.S. of Prayer

A: Adoration. We praise, honor, listen and open ourselves up to God's presence in our lives.

C: Confession. We honestly admit our sins. We ask for forgiveness, and we believe in the absolution that God offers.

T: Thanksgiving. We say thanks to God for all the blessings in this life. We allow God's perspective to shape our lives. We acknowledge that all of life is prayer.

S: Supplication. We pray for others, believing that God will hear us and address our neighbor's needs.

Ask, Search, Knock.

"Ask and it will be given to you, search and you will find, knock and the door will be open to you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."
Matthew 7: 7-8.

God in the Second Commandment commands us to pray. Jesus invites us to pray. Join me in Pastor's Class as we continue to explore the discipline of prayer.

Peace,



Pastor John Albertson.

Wednesday Evening Prayer 7:15 in the sanctuary with Holy Communion.

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FAITH CHURCH NEWS

Happy Birthday to Abby Pratt who celebrates November 26th and was left of the birthday calendar.

Men's Breakfast will resume this coming Tuesday, November 16th at 9:00 am. All men are welcome to attend. See Dave Kroeger or PJ for questions.

Hearing assistance equipment is conveniently located at the back of the sanctuary by Danny for any that are needing aid improving the quality and volume of the service. Please feel free to give it a try.

The Gathering Again Committee and the Council are taking steps to move forward in reopening the church. The church building is open including doors near the kitchen. The water fountains are still closed. Coffee is being served during fellowship. Both sets of restrooms are open. Please be respectful and considerate of another person's space in the sanctuary and elsewhere. Both the GAC and the Council are happy to listen to concerns and answer any questions you might have. GAC members are Deb Aldrich, Mike Dautremont, Christy Pratt and Pastor John.

Worship Notes

Social distance is recommended in worship. Feel free to sit in the choir area or in the narthex if the sanctuary is full.

Singing is discouraged during communion distribution. Please use this time for private prayer and devotion. Thanks for your cooperation.

WNL

Wednesday, Nov. 17th –WNL w/ HS team for cooking and cleanup

Wednesday, Nov. 24th –No WNL– Happy Thanksgiving

Wednesday, Dec. 1st–WNL w/ Men's team for cooking and cleanup.

Parish Nurse Notes

In conjunction with the Gathering Again Committee guidelines, we have established protocol for people to not attend any indoor or outdoor event at Faith if you can answer "yes" to any of these questions:

? Do you have a fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste of smell, diarrhea or unexplained muscle soreness?

? Close contact with a person who may have Covid-19 in the last 2 weeks?

? A recent or waiting on a Covid-19 test in the last 2 weeks.

Please use hand sanitizer and wear a mask before going into the sanctuary to protect others.

The Parish Nurse, Christy Pratt, will be in the associates office on November 21st after service and pastor's class to provide blood pressure and glucose screenings. She will be available to chat about your health concerns as well. All conversations will be confidential.

Again, the need for blood is critical and anyone can donate through the center at 4828 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids. The supply is stored only for a couple of days, at least a week's worth of blood stored is preferred

Super Skate Fellowship Event

Join us on Sunday, November 28th from 1-4 pm as we have our next fellowship event at Super Skate. Meet there (5100 Northland Ave NE) for a skating and fun with friends. Skating and rental only costs \$10.00. YM Team will purchase snacks. Sign up at the Faith Lutheran Welcome Table. Fun for all ages.



Holiday 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 \$25 gift cards for Hy-Vee, Fareway or Walmart. Cards can be dropped off at church or mailed to 155 Boyson Rd **by the end of November.**

Marion Cares Angel Tree Tags will be an online only signup. The online link will be available on Sunday, November 21st. We will add the link to our faithlutheran.org page. When you adopt a child you are committing to approximately \$80 in gifts for that child. There will be 4 different items gift requests. Purchase the gifts, wrap them and put them in a large garbage bag. Gifts in their labeled garbage bags will be due for drop off to our office on Thursday, December 2nd or Tuesday, December 7th from 8 am - 5 pm. Our office is located at 1298 7th Ave (Marion Methodist office/Carnegie Building). We are in the lower level. Enter using the east door facing Pizza Hut.



ELCA Youth Gathering

Planning is underway for the upcoming 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering “God Beyond Measure” taking place July 22-28 in Minneapolis. Faith’s youth in 8th to 12th grade and adult chaperones are needed to attend this life changing event. How do you register? Just send Danny a message by November 19th. No deposit required. youth@faithlutheran.org or text 319.743.5990

Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 9:10 am in the Sanctuary for music and a message. Join us! Teaching Teams:

Preschool to 1st Grade – Volunteer needed!

2nd to 5th Grade – Teresa Wilkes

Middle School & High School Group – Danny Stone

How to reach Danny Stone?

Call his cell at 319.743.5990. Call Faith at 319.377.9700. Send a Facebook message or Email Youth@faithlutheran.org.



Advent Calendar

With gratitude, we thank Pastor Wendell Debner for his dedication and service as our representative on the Churches of Marion Food Pantry Board for the past 10 years. We also thank Larry Munson, who has taken over as our new representative.

Marion Food Pantry: We are once again doing the reverse advent calendar food collection items. We are applying for a Thrivent grant for this project as well. Please see the items below. Items can be dropped off on Wed/Thurs/Friday from 7:00 am—3:00 pm outside the carport.

Items to collect include:

*box of cereal *peanut butter* stuffing mix
 *boxed potatoes *mac & cheese *canned fruit
 *canned tomatoes *tuna *dessert mix *jar of applesauce *canned sweet potatoes *cranberry sauce *canned beans *box of crackers *bag of rice *box of oatmeal *pasta *spaghetti sauce *chicken noodle soup
 *tomato soup *can corn *can green beans *can mixed veggies *can carrots



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

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Worship With Us!

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

**Responsive Prayer
with Holy Communion**

Wednesdays 7:15 pm

In-Person Worship

Sundays

9:00 am

Online Worship Available

Facebook & YouTube

Links at faithlutheran.org

Faith has been serving the Marion-Cedar Rapids area for more than forty years; supporting local ministries such as the Marion Churches Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, and Marion Senior Living Community. We are in partnership with the 9,091 congregations, 26 Lutheran colleges and universities, 7 seminaries, 240 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 3.4 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.