



Come Ye Thankful People, Come!

As the church year winds down and thoughts turn to Advent and the coming of Jesus, the church council prepares for another year. One important tool that is used is the **“time, talent, and financial”** information provided by each household. Time and talent inventories are used to determine ministry support. **Who can be called on?** Who will read the lessons, set the table, bake the bread. **Who can we rely on** to mow the lawn and teach Sunday school and ring bells? Everyone has gifts to offer, now is the time to examine yourself and make those commitments. **The financial pledges** are important as they help guide the congregation as it sets the budget for the coming year. The budget provides a framework in which ministry is done in this congregation. Based on the commitment of the congregation we support ministries both home and away. Local, Synod, Churchwide and ecumenical partners all benefit from your generosity. As faithful stewards of the Gospel we move into another church year confident that God will provide so that the work of the church will continue. **Know that you are needed!** You are needed to further the ministry of God in this place. In order for us to honor your gifts and talents we need the commitment cards returned. Thanks again for your partnership in the Gospel!

Even so, Lord, quickly come
 To your final harvest home;
 Gather all your people in,
 Free from sorrow, free from sin;
 There, forever purified,
 In your presence to abide;
 Come, with all your angels, come,
 Raise the glorious harvest home. (ELW 693)

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Peace,

Pastor John



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Terrie McCarthy, Dennis Sutherland, Zach Miglia, Milo Popp, Cheryl Gaul, mother of Christy Pratt, Caleb Kerner, Cousin of Sherry Stark, Jackie Devine's Mother, Coreen Hein's sister, Marian Brown, 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 express our sympathy to Casey Orr and family on the passing of his brother, Mike.

We also express our sympathy to John Cain and family on the loss of his brother, Bill.

Join us for games this Thursday, November 17th followed by Coffee with Pastor at 3:00 pm. Our guest will be from Right at Home which is a local company that provides home care for seniors.

Marion Food Pantry Collection items:

Boxed potatoes, pasta, soup and rice.

The Churches of Marion Food Pantry is in need of a volunteer or two who would be able to pick up groceries at a storage area [Old Carnegie Library building] and deliver them to the distribution center behind the Presbyterian Church each week. Who is the social ministry person on the Church Council? I'm wondering if they have anybody who might be interested in working at the Pantry on occasion. For further information contact the president of the Board, Gary Frederick, [377-6887] or gfrede5612@aol.com

Save the Date: The Men will have one final men's breakfast of the year on Tuesday, November 29th at 9:00 am.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been moved to Sunday, December 4th at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Please make plans to attend.

Please return your stewardship pledge cards as soon as possible along with your time and talent sheets.

The Church office will be closed on Friday, November 25th following Thanksgiving.

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

Poinsettia Sign Up

Once again, we will be having the beautiful poinsettia tree on the altar. Each poinsettia costs \$9 and we need 29 to make up the tree. Please sign up on the clipboard at the welcome table. Checks can be made payable to Faith Lutheran and put in the envelope. Then poinsettias may be taken home after the 9:00 am worship on Sunday, Jan. 1st.

Craft Club

Our Craft Club will meet on Tuesday, December 13th from 10:00 am—1:30 pm. Soup will be provided. Please bring a project you are working on and a white elephant gift for a fun, holiday gift exchange. You may also bring a snack to share.

Cookie Walk

Faith's Annual Cookie Walk will take place on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 am—noon. Sign up is underway for members to donate 6 dozen cookies on the clipboard on the welcome table. Check out the flyers or stay tuned for more information.

Many Thanks

With deepest gratitude, we wish to thank the members and friends of Faith Lutheran Church for the kindnesses extended at the time of Arley's death.

Thank you for the cards and memorials. We thank those who provided food and served the luncheon and a special thanks to Larry and Diane Lehtinen for all you did for us. Thanks also to Pastor John and Char.

Darlene, Kathleen & Travis Blankenburg

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. Cards are needed by the end of November so they can be distributed at the resident Christmas parties.

This weekend, November 18th & 19th, **Marion Cares** will be dropping off their Angel Tree tags and sign up sheets to provide gifts for local youth in need. These tags will indicate a specific gift to be purchased and will be in various amounts. This will allow greater participation by reducing the amount needed to purchase gifts. If you are willing and able, please grab a few tags to fill! We ask that gifts are returned to the church by Sunday, December 4th so they can be distributed to the various families in plenty of time for Christmas.

Finally, after Thanksgiving we will have available Pet Angel Tree tags to benefit the **Cedar Valley Humane Society**. Items for donation will include: Peanut butter, New spray bottles, cat and kitten food (wet), Cat treats, Cat litter, Canned cat food, Cat toys, KMR (Kitten Milk Replacer), Puppy food (dry), Dog and puppy food (wet), Bathing supplies, Pill pockets, Rawhide bones, Treats, Dental treats, Martingale collars (all sizes), Leashes (all sizes), Two-handled leashes, Muzzles (all sizes). Also cleaning supplies are needed.

As you can see, there are so many ways to help out those in need during the holidays! Thank you in advance for the generosity of spirit that is always present at Faith Lutheran. Questions: See Jen or call 377-9700

November Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, November 19th. 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!

Youth Christmas Parties

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Christmas Parties. Middle School will be Sunday, December 4th beginning from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please bring a small wrapped (unisex) present for the gift exchange.

The High School Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 11th beginning from 6:00-8:00 pm. Please bring a small wrapped (unisex) present for the gift exchange.



Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, Nov. 16th- WNL with the Men's team for cooking and clean-up

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd- No WNL

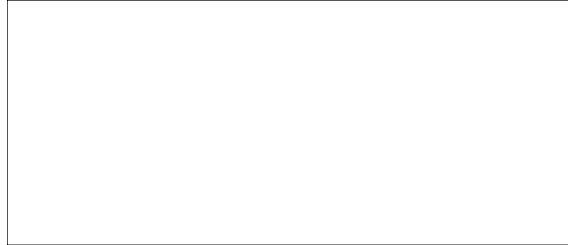
Wednesday, Nov. 30th- WNL Worship with Women for cooking and clean-up.





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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.