



# The SEED

## Honor the Elders!

We are blessed here at Faith Lutheran Church with a group of folks who have labored in the church for many years. They keep busy! They continue to serve God by rolling bandages, they enjoy each other's company by playing games together, they meet once a month for Coffee With Pastor. Some of the women meet once a month for Daytime Disciples.

These folks are an inspiration. Whether sharing an Ole and Lena joke, pictures of the grandkids or discussing the latest test result.

Twice a month these folks gather to roll bandages. This started as a one time opportunity to help out hospitals in Africa. It's been happening for about 10 years now! That's a lot of bandages. Old hotel sheets receive new life as bandages. And it provides a time of fellowship.

Prayer shawls and card ministries are another area that these folks direct. When a member is hospitalized...when a baby is baptized...a prayer shawl is given as a physical reminder of this congregations concern. Cards are also mailed out for various reasons as a reminder that this congregation takes seriously our life together.

Fellowship is an important as a way to stay connected. We meet for "lunch bunch" Coffee With Pastor, take a day-bus trip once a year, celebrate Christmas with a party, and enjoy a potluck each summer complete with home made ice cream!

Daytime Disciples meet each month to study the ELCA Women's Bible Study.

Anyone who feels like they would like to participate in these activities is welcome to join us. The schedule of events is posted in the Seed.

*Blessed are you, O Lord, maker of heaven and earth. From everlasting you are God, our dwelling place in all generations. You are the source of holy wisdom, and the fountain of all*

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*truth. We give thanks to you for the elders among us. We are graced by their wisdom and seasoning. We are touched by their knowledge and faith. Bless them, O God, as they are a blessing to us. Pour out your Spirit, that our elders may continue to dream dreams and testify to the Light of their salvation, Jesus Christ. May we find inspiration in their years of faithfulness. May we follow their example by serving you with steadfastness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (ELW)*

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray** for Linda Arp, Jane Wildes, Lawrence Behnke, Jim Shimek, Jan Keyes, Marilyn Paulson, Eunice Koeppen, Helen Hale, Connie Herrington, Roger Grimm, Russ Gerst's father, and Bonnie Eckhoff's brother.

**A new subject begins in Pastor's Class.** "He Being Dead, Yet Speaketh" What does Luther say? Grab a cup of coffee and join us Sundays at 9:15 am in the sanctuary.

**Nursery Attendant needed.** Must be an adult. Sunday mornings from 8:00 - 9:00 am and 10:45 - 11:45 am . \$25 per week. Please see Pastor John.

**People are need to make Palm Crosses.** No experience is necessary. Come to the church on Saturday, March 27th from 9:00 am - ? Please contact Angie Miglia for questions or if you can volunteer for this Faith Lutheran tradition!

**Marion Lutheran Churches Blood Drive** has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 30th from 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. To donate call Kerry Koch at 377-5067 or Bob Wolter at 377-5126 to make an appointment.

**Pew Cards:** If you have a prayer request, need to update your address, or are interested in finding out more about becoming a part of the Faith Lutheran Church community, grab a pew card, fill it out, then drop it in the offering plates or into the box outside the sanctuary.

**A Note About Parking Hospitality:** Remember, in order to welcome guests in the most hospitable way possible, please park as far out in the lot as possible each time we gather. Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for visitors to enter Faith.

I wish to thank Pastor John for his visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. Also, thanks for the beautiful prayer shawl and for the phone calls, visits, cards and prayers from so many of you. It all meant such much to me.

Walt Behnke

## Expectations of Discipleship

**Worship** Every Week, experience God's Word in Scripture and Proclamation, the Means of Grace found in the Bread and Wine, and the Waters of Baptism.

**Commit** to being in worship here or as you travel. Pray in daily life, around the dinner table, as you drive, as you wake and as you sleep. Let all of life be a prayer!

**Commit to praying every day.** Grow in faith. Attend Bible Studies, Read the Bible, Invest in Your Faith, Learn Spiritual Practices, Invite Others to Faith.

**Commit to Growing in Faith Every Day.** Give. Be Intentional about Giving to Grow God's Kingdom through Faith Lutheran Church.

**Commit to giving,** work toward a Goal of 10% (Biblical Tithe). Serve. Find a Ministry and Share Your Gifts through Serving Others.

**Commit to Serving** this Community and Its Mission to the World.

## Wednesday Night Bookclub

**March 3, 10, 17 & 24**

**7:00 pm**

**Faith Drama Room**

Have a Little Faith: A True Story is a book about a life's purpose; about losing belief and finding it again; about the divine spark inside us all. The book is divided into 4 sections of very short chapters. We will cover a section each week.

March 3 – Spring

March 10 – Summer

March 17 – Autumn

March 24 – Winter

Come to the first week having read the section "Spring". Tea, coffee and cookies will be served. Facilitated by Lorice Amlin 654-4689.

## Listening Posts



At our annual meeting we shared the idea of gathering people together to talk about our church as a place of ministry for all generations, birth to grave, with intentional intergenerational

connections, and what these things will mean for our staff and those involved in leadership in the coming months and years. We invite YOU to be a part of these "Listening Post" gatherings.

Here are the dates and times: Thursday, March 4th at 7:45 p.m. (immediately following worship in the Family Center); Sunday, February 28th at 9:15 am and 6:30 pm in the Family Center; and Wednesday March 10th from 10:00-11:00 am in the Family Center. As you can see, we're offering a wide variety of times and days to accommodate maximum participation. We need YOU to get involved so please plan to be here for the time that works best for you. If you have any questions, contact Pr John or Pr Paul.

## Sunday School Lenten Project

Each Sunday through April 11th, we will be collecting "Gifts of Love" for Four Oaks. Four Oaks is a local organization that helps kids with various issues become successful adults. More information on Four Oaks can be found at [www.fouroaks.org](http://www.fouroaks.org).

Items to be collected each week are:

**Week 2** - Mar 7th - Shampoo/Conditioner/  
African American Hair products

**Week 3** - Mar 14th - Combs/Brushes/Deodorant

**Week 4** - Mar 21st - Razors/Shaving Cream/ Gift cards from Wal-mart or Target

**Week 5** - Mar 28th - Body Lotion/Face Wash  
Body Wash/Bath Loofahs

**Easter Sunday** - No Sunday School but Gifts of Love will be accepted.

**Week 6** - Apr 11th - Wrap-Up & Presentation to Four Oaks.

We would like to invite the entire congregation take part in this giving opportunity as it is a local, worthy charity right here in our community!

## Middle School Lock-In

We are planning a lock-in for April 9th Please contact Gail Hunt at 377-6555 to take advantage of this amazing opportunity for fun and faith!

## Sunday School Updates

- ◆ Please wear your HOPE t-shirts for the wrap-up on Sunday, April 11th.
- ◆ Easter Sunday, there will be no formal Sunday School classes held. HS students will be serving Easter breakfast at 9:00 am. Dixie Dahl & Roxy Savage will be holding SS for Nursery children.
- ◆ Sunday, May 23rd- Last day of SS & teachers appreciation luncheon @ noon.

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

Lenten Worship continues on Thursdays with soup supper at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm Worship in the Sanctuary. Maundy Thursday, April 1st services will be at 5:30 & 7:00 pm, Good Friday service at 7:00 pm and Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3rd at 9:00 pm. Easter Services will be at 8:00 & 10:45 am with the High School serving breakfast at 9:00 am. Make plans to join us and invite a friend or neighbor.

## Wednesday Night Live

**March 3** - "Magic Making- Bring a Friend" with Team # 2 for cooking and clean-up

**March 10**- "Worship" with Team #3 for cooking and clean-up.

**March 17** - No WNL

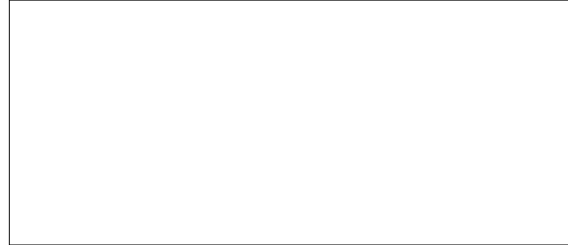


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*We are a community of Faith,  
growing in Christ, sharing God's love.*



## Worship Opportunities

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

### ***Worship Services***

Sunday Mornings at 8:00 and 10:45 am

### ***Lenten Services***

6:00 pm Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Worship

### ***Sunday School***

for youth and adults at 9:15 am

### ***Choir Practice***

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

### ***WNL Youth Program***

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

### ***Bell Choir Practice***

Thursdays at 8:00 pm (during Lent)

*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.*

### **Faith Lutheran Church Staff**

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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.