



Martin Luther Writing About Children

Martin Luther loved children. He played with them, sang with them, wrote the Small Catechism for them, and recited it with them. He loved to be at home, surrounded by his family.

Speaking about children he said, “They are the best wool on the sheep.”

I agree with Luther. My own Son Leif brings me much joy!

We are blessed with children here at Faith. Regularly I receive cards and letters from the kids at church. Drawings on the back of pew cards or pictures drawn in crayon are some of my prize possessions.

Youth Ministry has always been valued. I have been privileged to serve with Stephanie Thompson, Joyce Mininger and Tiffany Fay. They did an excellent job in leading our Middle School and High School youth in matters of faith and life.

Change is in the air!

After a lot of conversation, discernment and prayer it is evident that change is necessary. Therefore, we would like to expand the Youth Minister position to The Director of Youth and Family Ministry. This position will have charge of children of all ages and be able to incorporate all generations in a life long community of faith. We believe that this new position is the best way to bring this change to fruition.

Someone once said, “Youth and family ministry is a holistic and intergenerational approach

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to ministry. It is primarily not about children, youth, or families. **It is primarily about Jesus.** It is about discipleship and passing on the faith.

Will you join me? Will you support opportunity prayerfully, financially?

Let’s make it happen!

Peace,

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Eunice Koeppen, Dawn Farmer, Rose Brady, Marilyn Paulson, Helen Hale, Connie Herrington, Annette Mohling's mother, Russ Gerst's father, and Bonnie Eckhoff's brother.

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 plate or into the box outside of 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.

Faith Lutheran's First Financial Peace University Class graduated 27th families on April 20th! Our next class is already scheduled for the fall beginning with a preview session on August 17th and classes beginning the 24th. We're accepting reservations now! Don't miss the next class and change you're family tree....financially!

Summer Worship

Our summer worship schedule begins the weekend following labor day, June 5th & 6th. Worship will once again be on Saturdays at 5:30 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am. We're still looking for people to serve on the altar guild and lectors during the summer months. Please prayerfully consider how you could help!



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 worship. Commit to growing in faith every day.

Give regularly. 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 faithfully. Find a ministry and share your gifts through serving others. Commit to serving this community and its mission to the

Join the Marrow Registry

Please consider joining the Iowa Marrow Donor Program and give thousands of patients hope. Thousands depend on the **Be The Match Registry** to find a donor who can give them a second chance at life. One of Faith's neighbors, Reid Shadle is one such patient looking for a perfect match to provide a needed bone marrow transplant.

Three drives are taking place in our area. The first is Wednesday, April 28th at 1st Presbyterian Church in Marion, then on Saturday, May 1st at Absolutely Clean in Marion and finally on Monday, May 3rd at Bowman Woods Elementary School. To join, you only need to be between the ages of 18 and 60 and be willing to donate to any patient in need, and meet the health guidelines.

You have the power to heal, the power to save a life...*Take the first step. Join the registry.*

Check out the poster on the bulletin board for more information or go to bethematch.org

Vacation Bible School

Faith Lutheran is gearing up for another great year of Vacation Bible School. This year's VBS will take place on July 19th—22nd...so mark your calendars! Details of our fun, faith-filled programs follow:

Baobab Blast is our VBS program for children ages 3 to those entering Kindergarten in the Fall. This is an open invitation to be part of God's Great Get-Together!

Set under the impressive baobab tree, kids will have the opportunity to hear the Word, be amazed at God's wildlife as the sun rises and sets on the savannah their faith will grow! The hours for VBS are 9:00 am—11:30 am. The fee is \$15 and includes a t-shirt and a daily snack and drink are provided.



For Children entering 1st—6th Grades we are blessed to have once again a team of high energy devoted staff from Riverside Bible Camp to lead your

children in Bible studies, music, recreation and crafts. The theme this year is "Grow" and your children will grow kindness, grow goodness,

grow faithfulness and grow love as they share God's word based on Galatians 5:22 *By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness.*

The fee for Day Camp is \$25 per child and includes a t-shirt, snack and drink provided daily. Please bring a sack lunch for your child.



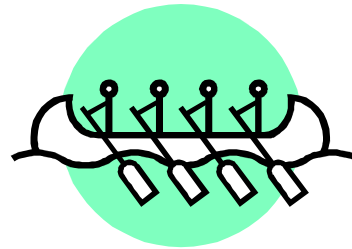
Volunteers are needed in all areas to make this week a success. For questions, please contact Traci Berquam at 538.5499 or traciberquam@gmail.com.

Confirmation Canoe Trip

Attention Parents of Confirmands:
The Annual Confirmation Canoe Trip is scheduled for June 14-18 for 7th & 8th grade confirmation students.

The cost is \$125 per child and includes transportation, food, campsite rental, outfitter fee. Other spending money is the only additional cost.

Plan to bring sleeping bag, pillow, sunscreen, insect spray, swim suit, towel, hat, sweatshirt, toiletries, rain suit and change of clothes. Water shoes are very helpful. For any questions, please contact Pastor John.



Prayerfully Consider WNL...

Wednesday Night Live is now in prayerful consideration of program adjustments and leadership vacancies for the upcoming year. We ask the congregation to keep our group in prayer as we prepare for the next school year. The following leadership positions are open.

- Prayer Partner
- Worship Leader
- Coordinator
- Coordinator in Training
- Secretary/Treasurer
- Family Time Leader in Training

Your prayers are more than welcome!



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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

Sunday School

for youth and adults at 9:15 am

Choir Practice

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

Bell Choir Practice

Thursdays at 7:00 pm



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.