



Holy Humor

“One would hope that part of everyday life is not just the seriousness of everyday work but also laughter [sic]”. So says Karl Rahner in his book, *The Mystical Way in Everyday Life*. The Sunday after Easter, (this year, April 8) is known in some places as Holy Humor or Holy Hilarity Sunday. It is a Sunday where we celebrate the fact that Jesus has overcome death, and, in one sense, laughs in the face of death. The idea of Humor Sunday is a new idea for me. I had never heard of it until I moved here to Marion. I’m not sure how many other places know about this. It was not a part of our church life in either Florida or Ohio.



In any event, it is good to have a sense of humor, and to have the ability to laugh and find a bit of humor in daily life. I know I have found it helpful to laugh during this year of learning for me. I have learned a great deal during my time here at Faith, and I am thankful to everyone for taking me under their collective wing, and being willing to walk with me on this journey. Thank you again for the opportunity.

As we continue our journey through the Easter Season, we can continue to remind ourselves of the joy of the resurrection. We can let that joy shine in our everyday lives. We can give thanks for the warm weather that has finally decided to come around!

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Also, a healthy sense of humor can't hurt either.

Cheers!

Intern Jeff



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Wilma Burrell, Daisy Roehr, Harold Thompson grandfather of Chris Thompson, August nephew of Katie Schafer.

Social Concerns Committee will meet on Thursday, May 3rd at 11:00 am.

Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity is having a dedication of their 7th home in Marion on Wednesday, May 9th at 5:00 pm. All are invited to join them at 282 22nd Street. Also sign up now on the clipboard on the welcome table to volunteer for the next local Habitat project.

Marion Food Pantry is in need of these items: canned fruit, applesauce, cream of soups, boxed mashed potatoes, 1 lb. bags or boxes of brown or white rice. You can bring your items to church and drop off in the totes in the narthex.

Good news! Beginning June 24th, Marion Food Pantry will have a monthly evening distribution time on the 4th Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Faith Lutheran Shirt Sales

Faith Lutheran will be having a shirt sale with all proceeds to benefit the kitchen remodel. There are two ways to order:

- 1) Online: buy and pay online at <https://flc2018.itemorder.come/sale> (This is a website created for us by Cotton Gallery.)
- 2) Paper: Complete the order form found on the shirt table in the narthex and place the form and check in an envelope in Amy Sagan's church mailbox #162.

Important dates:

Sunday, May 27th: Last day to place orders

Sunday, June 3rd: Shirts may be picked up at church.

For questions, contact Amy Sagan at 350-2076 or yellowamv@hotmail.com. (Sample shirts **sizes** are available for comparison at church.)

Kitchen Remodel

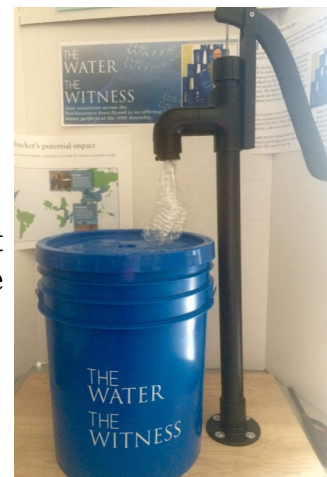
The Kitchen Remodel is underway. There is a Wishing well out in the Narthex and pictures of some items we need or would like to have for the kitchen that you could donate towards. There are Building in Faith envelopes near the wishing well and you can place the envelopes into the well after. Or put them in the offering plate. Thanks to all who are helping in any way to make this kitchen remodel a success.

The Water, The Witness

The Water, The Witness is the theme for the upcoming 2018 synod assembly on May 18 & 19. Faith is participating in the effort of shared witness to provide access to clean water to people who need it most. Each congregation that participates has been charged with the challenge to collect at least \$500 to bring to synod assembly. **Please donate in the blue bucket for next few weeks to this worthy cause.**

We take for granted that we can quench our thirst at any water tap anytime without worrying about illness. Globally, 1 in 4 people – about 1.8 billion – drink from contaminated water

sources. Water is essential. And the waters of baptism are a reminder of what this project is all about. Thanks for your support!



Faith Farm Update

Sign up now to adopt a row. We are not sure what kind of crop or crops we are going to grow. If you can't adopt a row, we are looking for people to transport the food to where it needs to go.

If you have any questions, please let Christy Pratt know. Thanks!

Parish Nurse

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is May 13th between services in Pastor John's office.

If you would like to talk to me, you can e-mail Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!



Upcoming Fellowship

Save the Date: The Faith Social Club's next event will be Friday, May 31st at 5:00 pm at the Lion Bridge Brewing Company Farmers Market. Join them for a night of live music, conversation, appetizers, drinks and local shopping.



Thrivent for a Night at the Ballpark.

Kernels will play Beloit at 6:35 pm on Tuesday, June 26th. Tickets are \$8.00. Proceeds will benefit our local Iowa Special Olympics. See Dave Koch for tickets or stop by the church.



VBS & Day Camp

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. –Ephesians 2:8

Campers will learn how God's grace changes brokenness and how we can work with others to show that grace to the world. Vacation Bible School and our EWALU Day Camp have the same theme as the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering!

EWALU Day Camp welcomes children entering 1st – 6th Grades. The fee for Day Camp is \$40, and includes T-Shirt, daily snack and trip to Ewalu Camp.

Faith's Vacation Bible School is for pre-school to children entering kindergarten. The fee for VBS is \$20, and includes a T-Shirt. Snack and drink are provided daily.

Vacation Bible School **EWALU Day Camp**
July 9 - 12 July 9 - 13



Youth Yard Sale

Faith's Youth will have a yard sale to help fundraise for camp scholarships and upcoming trips to ELCA convention. Faith's yard sale will be Friday, May 25th from 4-7 pm and Saturday, May 26th from 8:00 am – 11:00 am.

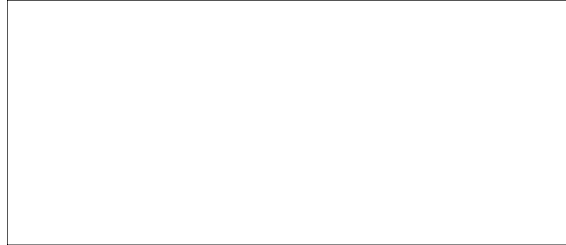
Donation items of your new and gently used items will be much appreciated. Please drop them off in classroom 2. Please no old televisions. See Danny for questions.





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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 All Ages

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.