



The Day of Pentecost

The day of Pentecost falls on May 23 this year. Pentecost is a principal festival in the church. It marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples fifty days after Easter. The story of the descending of the Holy Spirit is found in Acts 2: 1-4: “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

In the Old Testament, the fiftieth day after Passover was celebrated as “the feast of Weeks.” In Deuteronomy 16: 9-10 we read: “You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain. Then you shall keep the festival of weeks for the Lord your God, contributing a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing that you have received from the Lord your God.”

The season of Pentecost is the longest season in the Church year. Originally this season was set around particular saints’ days: St. Peter and St. Paul; St. Lawrence, and St. Michael.

It’s interesting that the Old Testament account calls attention to proportionate giving and the New Testament account talks about violent winds and other languages.

Maybe they fit together more than we realize. Money talk often stirs up violent wind! Not the holy kind of violent wind but the winds of anxiety over what we do with our possessions. Nevertheless, God has entrusted us with possessions. And God expects that we use these possessions to further his kingdom. The gospel speaks of other languages. One might be generosity. To that end, the church council has implemented a stewardship team to make individual home visits. These folks have been trained and are prepared to discuss two things. First they

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will answer any questions you may have concerning the new position of Director of Youth and Family Ministry and second they will give you the opportunity to revisit your 2010 commitment and to commit to the 2011 budget.

“We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us”

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Abby Koch, 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.

Congratulations to Faith's Seniors:

Shawn Poellet, Andrea Gerlach, Mikayla Galloway, Brandy Zumbach, Aaron Nelson, Sarah Spiekermeier, Kristin Gibbs, Gabrielle Forrester, Molly Kintzle, Katrina Rohr, Taylor Christopherson. We're proud of your accomplishments and we wish you well in the future. Please check out the graduate board located in the narthex for more information about our grads and their future plans. *(Please let us know if there is anyone we forgot.)*

Financial Peace University class number two is already scheduled for the fall beginning with a preview session on August 17th and classes beginning the 24th. Calls have been coming into the church as word continues to spread about the power of this course. We're accepting reservations now! Don't miss the next class and change you're family tree...financially!

Last day of Sunday School is May 23rd. Please wear your t-shirts to this final day.

Summer Worship

Our summer worship schedule begins the weekend following Memorial 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

2010 Bratfest...Mark your calendars

The Bratfest Committee has been hard at work planning the 3rd Annual Bratfest to be held on Saturday, September 18th in the Faith Lutheran parking lot.

Food will be served from 4:30 pm until the final band break. The polka music will go from 5:00—9:00 pm. This year's band will be Barefoot Becky from Mt. Vernon.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Public Relations Chairman, Gate Collections/Money, Kitchen Clean-up and Volunteer Coordinator.

The next Bratfest Committee meeting will be Thursday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm. For questions or to volunteer, please see Steve Deines or contact him at 373-0990 or sddeines@inav.net.



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—11:00 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. Times for Day Camp are from 9:00 am—2:00 pm. We will also be having a closing program on Thursday night at 6:30 pm. Join us for a fun evening as the kids share what they've learned

In their fun-filled week of learning about the word of God and seeing their faith grow.

Volunteers are needed in all areas to make this week a success. Prayerfully consider how you could help. There are plenty of big and small ways to contribute, check out the volunteer sheets by the VBS display for details. Contact Traci Berquam at 538.5499 or traciberquam@gmail.com.



Food Donations Needed!

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

Once again, we need your help to offset the costs of this important time of fun and fellowship for our youth. In the narthex, we have a canoe trip display and a clipboard to sign up for food donations.

Items can be dropped off at the church at anytime but please have perishable items at the church by Sunday, June 13th at the latest. We appreciate your help and support making this trip possible!

Adult guides will be: Jeff Ausman, Gail Hunt, Richard Hootman, James Erb, David Ripley, Jon Estrem and Pr. John.





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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.