



## How is Christ Rising in You?

Christos Anesthi! Alethos Anesthes! Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed!

We are invited to proclaim these ancient words of Easter good news for another three weeks. Celebrating Easter for 49 days can become a bit overwhelming, losing its initial energy and enthusiasm as we get further and further from bunny and basket, but there is a kind of fullness that comes with it too, through the cycles of life that come with spring.

Think back to April 16. Most of the trees were still barren. The grass was browner. Fewer birds called out and shorts were only worn by the heartiest among us. I was still engaged in seminary classwork, feeling the energy drain from the winter regimen. But since then new life has come near, green has exploded into our senses. Wrens and robins and cardinals are full-throatedly calling in mates and morning. Thunderstorms have washed the sand from the curbs. Daffodils and tulips have given way to lilacs and crabapple. Sweet smells and shrill songs, shrooms and sunshine embrace us in creation's liturgy of new life.

I recently discovered a new reason to say, Christ is Risen, having completed my classes and being endorsed by the Wartburg faculty to continue my formation, I now await my approval interview with the synod's candidacy committee on June 9. I continue to thank God for all of you and the opportunity you have afforded me here this year. The community of Faith Lutheran is a testimony to the truth Jesus the Christ sought to reveal.

As we anticipate Ascension and Pentecost, I reflect back on Jesus's statement in John's gospel 14:12, "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father." Do you believe this to be true?

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Have you considered what it might mean for you to be engaged in things greater than those done by Jesus? It is a great opportunity to imagine how Christ is Rising in you.

Pastoral Intern Rodney Bluml



## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Paula Burley, Diane Anderson, Joe Miglia, father of Angie & Barry Miglia, Lee Dytrt, brother-in-law of Catherine Dytrt, Caleb cousin of Sherry Stark, Matt Cook son-in-law of Pard & Mariann Keith, Lydia granddaughter of Dick and Coreen Hein.

**Easter crosses may be** returned to the church at your convenience. There is a shopping cart in the closet by the carport. He is Risen, Alleluia!

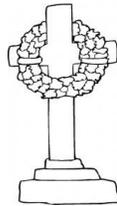
**Tickets for Thrivent Night** at the Ballpark are available by calling 366-2991. Date is June 27th at 6:35 pm and tickets are \$6.

**The Kuethe Family would like to invite** you to attend Trent's Graduation Party here at Faith on Saturday, May 20th from 11:00 am—2:00 pm. All are welcome!

**All are invited to an Open House for** Jaydin Burley's Graduation on Saturday, May 27th from 7:00-9:00 pm here at Faith.

**Save the Date:** The Senior High will be having an overnight at the church on Friday, June 9th—Saturday, June 10th.

**The Office will be closed** on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.



## Summer Worship Time Change

Just a reminder that we will switch to ONE Sunday service at 9:00 am beginning on Sunday, May 28th. We still will have our Saturday evening worship at 5:30 pm. Our final Sunday School will be on Sunday, May 21st.



## Coffee with Pastor

Coffee with Pastor will resume on Thursday, May 25th at 3:00 pm in the Family Center. Join us as our own Pastoral Intern Rodney Bluml challenges us to find "The Charismatic in You!"



Come early at 1:00 pm to roll bandages. Pastor John and Jen will be hosts. All are invited to come and join the fun by learning something new and enjoying a special treat and fellowship.

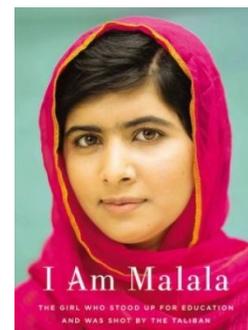


## Faith Book Club

Join the Faith Book Club for their upcoming study. Our May selection is "I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai. Pick up a copy from one of the metro libraries (downloads are available too) or buy your own book or Kindle version and join us to discuss this amazing story.

May 25th at 7:00 pm  
Uptown Snug in Marion

Contact Sue Tweeton for more information and to let her know that you plan to attend at 373-5442 [mstweeton@gmail.com](mailto:mstweeton@gmail.com).



## God's Work Our Hands

God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) is set for Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> here at Faith. It is a day the ELCA has set aside for a day of service. There will be clipboards with sheets in the narthex to sign up for a service project. Also, when signing up, indicate if you need a shirt or not. We will be using the same shirts from our last GWOH. There will be service projects for everyone!

We will have 9 am church service followed by a breakfast. After breakfast, we will begin our service projects. The projects will last for couple of hours.

Thank you in advance for participating in this wonderful day of service!



## Sundae Sunday!

This Sunday is our last Sunday School of the program year. In celebration, we invite the entire congregation to join us at 9:10 am in the Family Center for ice cream sundae's. Those attending Pastor's class may stop by and get their Sunday and take it to class in the Library.



## VBS & Day Camp Registration

Sign up sheets for our 2017 VBS and Day Camp are now available. Vacation Bible School runs from July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am –11:30 am and is for preschool to kids entering Kindergarten. Our theme is "Taking Root". EWALU Day Camp runs July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am—3:00 pm and is for kids entering 1st grade to 6th grade. The theme is "The Water of Life" On Friday, Day Campers will go to EWALU in Strawberry Point. Sign up sheets are available on the welcome table or see Danny for questions.



## YFMT May Event

The Youth and Family Ministries Team has planned a fun event for May: Hiking at Pinicon Ridge on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Gather at Faith at 2:00 pm and we will carpool to Pinicon Ridge in Central City. Faith will pack yummy snacks.

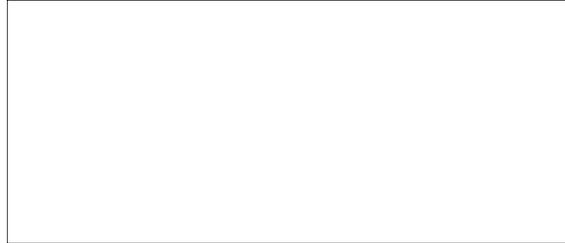
Wear shoes ready for hiking and play. All ages are welcome. Drivers and caring adults are needed. We will return to Faith by 5:00 pm. To sign up check out the clipboard on the welcome table in the narthex.





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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.*

### 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.