



Reaching Out Through Worship

Faith Lutheran Church has a remarkable record of receiving worship guests. Virtually every weekend we have either first or second time guests with us for worship. There is a wonderful culture of welcome here that invites others into our community and makes them feel welcome. As the pastor for evangelism, let me just say THANK YOU for taking the time to meet and welcome others.

Over the summer months we've noticed a trend that caused us to re-visit an old idea with the Worship Committee, namely, continuation of our Saturday evening worship service year-round. It's a big step and a big commitment, but one that the folks on the committee and on the Witness Team, as well as the pastors feel is appropriate. First, to be clear, Sunday mornings will still be as they have been during the school year, and revert to a single service during the summer months. The addition of this new service, though it may meet the needs of some of our current members, is intended as an outreach, through worship, into our community.

Our goal is to provide an alternative to Sunday morning worship that maintains our Lutheran, liturgical identity. You may recall a recent Sunday when we used a new setting from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Eight, and that musically this setting was led by a group of musicians including piano, drums, guitars, oboe, and saxophone. We will use this group of musicians to help lead Setting Eight for worship on Saturday evenings. We will also need volunteers as greeters, ushers, communion assistants, acolytes, etc. We need more of our FLC members to step into these roles so that we can effectively serve all three worship services each weekend. Can you help? The more people we have volunteer, the easier it will be, and the time commitment is truly minimal.

How will this affect our education hour on Sunday morning? Our hope is that the education hour will be minimally impacted, remember, our goal is for outreach first. That doesn't mean that there won't be times when folks can only come on Saturday evening, thus missing Sunday morning. We are adding Thursday evening adult Bible study, Opening the Book of Faith, as well as Tuesday evening offerings like Financial Peace University and Spiritual Practices, and for kids we continue to offer Wednesday Night Live and youth

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group activities. We want every child in Sunday School and every adult involved in education, but for the times when Sunday morning isn't an option, we believe there are great ways to nurture faith.

Speaking of Sunday School, watch for a BIG kick-off on Rally Sunday in September! We're shifting to an exciting new rotational Sunday School model so that we can engage our kids in nurturing faith more effectively. More on that in our next SEED, for now, please pray for our new outreach worship service and about how God might be able to use your gifts in serving our worship community at FLC.

in Christ,

Pastor Paul :o)

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Ralph Spies, Bob Blankenburg, Jim Lehtinen, Tom Rohr, Jane Wildes, Donna Trumblee, Eunice Koeppen, Rose Brady, Marilyn Paulson, Helen Hale, Connie Herrington, Annette Mohling's mother, Russ Gerst's father.

We joyfully celebrate with Rosemary and Jim Herrington on the birth of their new grandson, Noelan Elias born July 27th at 6 lbs 8 oz and 20 1/2 inches. His proud parents are Tim and Shana Freeze and he joins his big brother Hunter.

Congratulations to Kennedy High School Baseball team and Faith members Coach Bill Herkelman & Judson Rhoades for their state 4A title win this past weekend!

Orders are being taken for polo shirts with the new Faith Logo. Sample shirts in men's small through big and tall and women's small through 4xl are in the narthex for you to try on for size. The actual shirts are a better quality material than the try on samples. Orders due 8/8.

Calendar Reminder: We will continue our Sunday worship time at 9:00 am through August. Beginning September 5th, worship times will revert to 8:00 am and 10:45 am. Sunday School Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 12th at 9:15 am.

Special thanks to all who donated school supplies for kids through Marion Cares. As usual the response from Faith members was over-and-above the 20 backpacks with 29 collected. Stay tuned for pictures of the joyful kids receiving their supplies for school!

Please pray for our Mission Trip participants who are currently serving in Andrews, South Carolina including: Shawn & Bryce Poellet, Andrea Gerlach, Cole Kuethe, Kristin Gibbs, the Greve Family, the Mitchell family, Grayson Forrester, Stefan Nutt, Taylor Zumbach, Tanner & Rick Rhoades, Aaron Nelson, Jenny Sachtjen, Dave Koch and Travis Offerman. They will return to Iowa on August 8th.

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 rest of the world.

Bratfest 2010

Faith Lutheran's 3rd Annual Bratfest will be held on Saturday, September 18th in the Faith Lutheran parking lot and the Bratfest Committee needs your help and support.

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.

Purchase your quilt raffle tickets on Sundays this summer. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Kitchen Clean-up and Volunteer Coordinator.

For questions or to volunteer, please see Steve Deines or contact him at 373-0990 or sddeines@inav.net.

You can also go onto our website at faithlutheran.org to purchase tickets, see a video clip of Barefoot Becky and get more information about the event. Check it out!

Financial Peace University

There will be a free preview of Financial Peace University offered on Tuesday, August 17th at 7:00 pm at the Faith Family Center. The next class will begin on Tuesday, August 24th from 7:00 -9:00 pm and run for 13 weeks. Cost is \$99 but the change to your life will be priceless!

What is Financial Peace University?

This life-changing program teaches participants to achieve their financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever.

Financial Peace University (FPU) consists of a 13-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey—that incorporates small-group discussions to encourage accountability and discipleship. Financial Peace University is highly entertaining for everyone, with a unique combination of humor, informative financial advice and biblical messages. More than one million families have already had their lives changed by attending FPU.

Fact: More than 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck. Thirty-three percent of Christian marriages end in divorce and money problems are the number one cause.

On average, families reduce their debt by \$5300 and save \$2700 in just 91 days. That's an \$8000 turnaround.

For more information, please come to the preview session this Sunday, January 10th between services in the sanctuary. Pastor Paul will be the facilitator and will be happy to answer your questions about this life-changing program!



Habitat for Humanity & Faith

No! You don't have to be able to pound a nail in straight :) FLC is volunteering to provide labor to assist in the building of a home in conjunction with the Habitat for Humanity group. Volunteers would work from 8 am—4 pm on Saturday, August 14th and would help with the interior construction of a home. No carpentry skills are required. We would like to have 10 volunteers if possible.

Please consider this opportunity to help in the local community and give back a small portion of so much that we receive in our daily lives. Sign up sheet is available in the narthex or you can call Kerry Koch at 361-3567.

Worship & Picnic @ Lowe Park



On Sunday, August 15th we will have our Annual Congregational Worship & Picnic at Lowe Park. Start thinking about what you would like to bring to the potluck picnic. Meat and drink will be provided so bring a side dish or dessert. Rolls and coffee will be served at 9:30 am and worship will begin around 10:30 am. Be sure to mark down the date so you will be sure to join in the faith, fun and fellowship.





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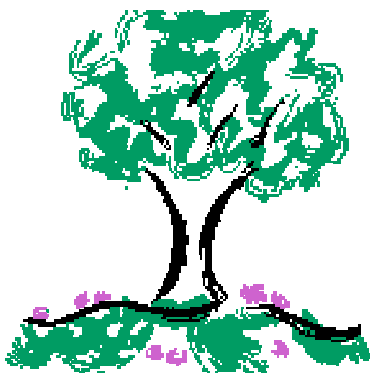
Worship Opportunities

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

Summer Worship

Saturdays at 5:30 pm

Sundays at 9:00 am



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.