



Opportunities to Reflect & Be Thankful

First off, I would like to thank everyone at Faith. You all have made my family and I feel welcome, and we are fitting right in with the church family. Our girls are involved in Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live, and my wife has gotten involved with Wednesday Night Live as well. It has been pretty easy to settle into a routine, both here at Faith and in life in general here in Marion.

Now that school has started, and all the activities that come with that, my own life has taken a turn toward “busy”. In addition to all the fun things we have found to do around Marion, there are all the activities that are happening around Faith. I am sure that many who are reading this are having a similar experience with being busy. I have been able to get involved in many of the programs and activities, such as confirmation, Wednesday Night Live, and the Adult Pastor’s class on Sunday mornings, just to name a few. I wanted to add one more thing to the calendar. I am planning and putting together a Thanksgiving Service. It will be joint service between our congregation, and the people at Ascension. Pastor Linda and Ascension Lutheran have graciously agreed to host the service. It will be on November 19 at 6:30pm. I hope that this can be an opportunity to reflect on what God has done for us, and to be thankful for everything that we have. There will be more details to come, as we get a bit closer.

As the days start to get busy, I have been trying to take a moment or two to slow down, and enjoy some cooler weather (well, except for the recent heat wave). Thinking ahead a bit to Thanksgiving can give us an opportunity to be thankful, slow down for a minute, enjoy the change of seasons and see and experience God in our lives. By focusing and paying attention to some of the smaller details in life, maybe we can overlook how quickly time is passing, and slow down for a moment. While sitting here in my office, I just looked over my shoulder to see the sunshine coming in my window, and see the leaves rustle in the breeze.

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Thank God for a beautiful (and a bit cooler!) day.

Cheers!

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for David Bulman, Clell Wildes, The Below Family, Terrie McCarthy, Diane Anderson, Joe Miglia, father of Angie & Barry Miglia, Caleb cousin of Sherry Stark, Lydia granddaughter of Dick and Coreen Hein.

Faith Farm garden cleanup on Sunday, October 15th at 5:00 pm. Following clean-up there will be potluck/pizza in the Family Center.

20's and 30's Event - Saturday, October 7th we're planning a family outing to Allen's Orchard at 2:30 pm and then pizza back at the church at 4:45 pm.

Pet Blessing

Come join us on Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 am for our annual Pet Blessing. From goldfish to horses, pets of all denominations welcome! If your pet can't make it, bring a picture. If you don't have a live animal in your household, children are welcome to bring Teddy bears or other beloved stuffed animals. Friends can come too! We will also be collecting items and monetary donations for 2 of our local shelters including Critter Crusaders and Last Hope Animal Rescue. **Just pick a tag off the tree and return your items to church or to the Blessing on the 7th**, Both organizations have made trips to adopt animals that had been abandoned during the Hurricane in Texas. To maintain a peaceable kingdom: please make sure your pet is properly restrained (leash for dogs, carrying cage for cats & small animals) and is current on all vaccinations. For questions, see Terri Radig or Penny Ripley.

Thank you to all of our Faith family who sent cards, food, and well wishes during my recuperation from shoulder surgery. A special thank you goes to my music team who have taken the lead during my absence. Your support has been a blessing to both Larry and me.

Peace,

Diane and Larry

Men's Retreat

Join Pastor John for the Men's Retreat on Friday, October 20 beginning at 6:00 pm to Saturday, October 21st ending at 1:00 pm at EWALU Camp & Retreat Center in Strawberry Point, Iowa.

Bring your tools and work gloves because we are going to do God's work at camp. Roll up your sleeves and build strong relationships as we renovate a cabin and repair bunks. Pack your bedding and a healthy appetite. Cost is \$35 per person and includes meals and lodging. A sign up sheet is available on the welcome table in the narthex.



Blood Drive

How often do you get a chance to save someone's life? Well, it happens every time you give blood. Please consider joining with the members of Ascension and Resurrection Lutheran Churches in donating blood to make our common goal of collecting at least forty units.

When: Monday, October 16th

Where: Ascension Lutheran Church

Time: 2:00 pm—6:30 pm

Remember to eat a nutritious meal and hydrate at least 4 hours before donating. Also bring your photo ID. Donors must be at least 17 to donate and there is no upper age limit. Donors must be at least 110 lbs.



Facts about Donated Blood:

1 out of 5 people entering the hospital need blood
20% of the donated blood goes to cancer patients
16% goes to people with heart disease
16% goes to people with gastro disease
12% to injuries

Contact Jen at 377-9700 or sign up at church between services at the welcome table in the narthex.

Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure/blood sugar check is October 8th between services in Pr John's office.

The next blood drive will be on October 16th at Ascension from 2:30-6pm. After this blood drive, it was decided to have a permanent place to host to decrease confusion. All other drives for the Marion Churches Blood Drive will be at Resurrection every 3 months starting in February 2018. If you have any questions about this change, you can contact me.

Don't forget to get your flu shot! I know it is still warm out there, but it will get cold here soon! The flu shot will protect you all season long. You can get one through your workplace, pharmacy or doctor's office. If you would like to talk to me, you can e-mail Christy Pratt at parish-nurse@faithlutheran.org or call me at 361-0445. All discussions are confidential!

Scouting for Food

The Boy Scouts of America will be collecting food for Scouting for Food on Saturday, 10/14. Please have your food out in the bag provided by 8am Sat. morning. Please no glass containers or expired food. All the food collected in Marion and the northern end of Cedar Rapids will be transported to Faith Lutheran Church for sorting and packaging.

If you would like to help assemble boxes, sort food, box food, or transport food to the old Carnegie Library in Marion, please join us. Hours are 9am - 2pm. Sandwiches will be provided for lunch. Come for as long as you can. All help is appreciated. We are hoping to collect 80,000 lbs. of food to go to the Marion Food Pantry.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD
PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

October Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, October 21st. From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Captain Underpants" (PG) or for Middle School and older in the Youth Room we have "Wonder Woman" (PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is "Queen of the Desert" (PG-13) (Pre-K youth must be accompanied by parent or caregiver) Donations are always welcome to help pay for the snacks, come and join the fun family night!



October Youth & Family Event

Join us for a Family Outing to Bloomsbury Farm on Sunday, October 8th at 2:00 pm. We will carpool from Faith Lutheran leaving at 2:00 pm and return by 5:30 pm. Admission is \$10 per person. Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex if you plan to attend. Adult drivers are always needed to help carpool. Our rain date is October 15th.



WNL

Wednesday, Oct. 4th –WNL with Men's team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Oct. 11th WNL with Women's team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Oct 18th—WNL Worship with HS team for cooking and clean-up.



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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.