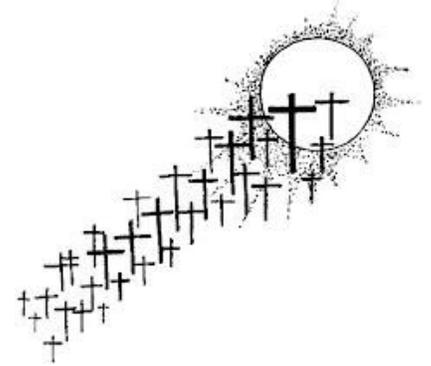




All Saints

“And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! (ELW 422)



Life is hard. It is filled with uncertainties and doubts, sickness and death. Life is filled with relentless responsibilities and endless details to attend to. Try as we might it is impossible to sugar coat the strife we face from day to day. It seems like destructive ways of sugar coating the stress are on the rise: alcoholism, obesity, gambling, relationship failure, economic crisis, suicide. Certainly Faith Lutheran Congregation is not immune! In some ways, this is nothing new. Christians of every time and every place faced hardships as well. We call these people “saints.” Not because they were special or more holy than the rest, but because they placed their lives in God’s hands and lived their lives in the light of God’s grace. Their memory stands as a witness to God’s sure and certain promise of a “new day” when strife and warfare will cease. In the meantime, the church provides a place where folks can come in out of the strife and rest. In weekly word and worship we prepare ourselves for “yet another day of service in Jesus name.” All Saint’s Day recognizes the ministry and mission of people like you and me who have made a difference, folks who have kept the faith despite the insurmountable odds of daily living. May we draw courage from their lives, hold each other in prayer, and keep our ears tuned to that “distant triumph song.”

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“From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Peace,
Pastor John Albertson

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Rusty Moore, Wes Dautremont, Milo Popp.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for more baby prayer shawls as our supply has dwindled. These may be 40" x 40" and can be knitted or crocheted. If interested, please contact Lori Tweeton at churndash2008@yahoo.com.

The Marion Food Pantry needs donations! Peanut butter, instant or canned potatoes, canned fruit, pastas, rice, soups, toilet paper, and other hygiene items including shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, hand soap. Please help those in need in our community.

Scouting for Food bags will be picked up on at local homes on Saturday, November 3rd.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 10:15 am. Please make plans to attend.

All Saints Sunday

For all the saints who from their labors rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, your name of Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Saints Sunday is Sunday, November 4th. Once again, we will be honoring those "saints" in our lives who have died and now serve God in heaven.

Those remembered may be a family member, friend or other special person. If you would like to participate, please fill out a sheet on the welcome table and return it to Jen by Wednesday, October 31st. As part of the liturgy we will remember them by name and with a lighted candle.



Giving Opportunities

Once again, Faith Lutheran will be helping a few local organizations that help local people this holiday season.

First, we have been asked by Marion Senior Living to help make Christmas a little brighter for their residents by providing \$20 gift cards for Hy-Vee, Fareway or Wal-mart. Cards can now be dropped in the collection plate or brought to the church office by the end of November.

In a couple weeks we will be receiving the Angel Tree Tags from Marion Cares. Right now plans are in place to have the tags by November 16th and returned back to the church by December 9th.



Daylight Savings Time

Just a reminder that Daylight Savings Time Change takes place on Sunday, November 4th at 2:00 am. Please remember to "Fall Back" or wind your clocks back one hour before heading to church on Sunday, November 4th!



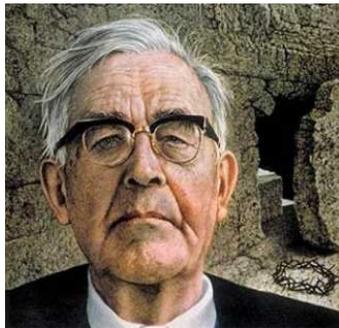
Take Away Hunger

Join us for a joint project between St. Pius X and Faith! This is a meal packaging event on Saturday, November 17th hosted here at Faith Lutheran. It will begin at 3:00 pm with a joint prayer service. At 3:30 pm, each church will provide 28 volunteers to form a total of 4 assembly lines. Our goal is to package 10,000 meals! Snacks and drinks will be provided for volunteers and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. This event is sponsored by Thrivent Financial.

Upcoming Adult Education

November 18th, Pastor Wendell Debner will lead an Adult Class entitled, “Who is Karl Barth and why should we care?”

Karl Barth, born in 1886 in Switzerland, was probably the most influential theologian of the 20th Century. He started writing as a parish pastor in Safenwil, Switzerland, but his work soon gained the rapt attention of the theological community in Europe. After Barth was expelled from a professorship in Germany by the Nazis, he returned to Switzerland to work on his massive “Church Dogmatics” (four volumes) and numerous other publications and sermons. His expulsion from Nazi Germany probably saved his life.



Barth, (pronounced “Bart” because he came from the German speaking area of Switzerland; like “Bart” Simpson!) stressed God’s total sovereignty and claimed that we would know nothing about God at all but for God’s gracious willingness to reveal God’s self. This was the starting point and bedrock of this theological construction. While subsequent theologians have argued with his position, Barth’s work clearly gained great respect and provoked serious conversations about human freedom and the almighty nature of God. Is faith purely a gift from God or do we participate in receiving it? If God ruled over every aspect of our lives, are we merely passive receptors of God’s actions?

December 9th, CPA Dave Koch will present an informational session during Sunday School hour on tax law.



November Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, November 17th From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is “Incredibles 2” (PG) or for Bigger kids & Middle School in the Middle School room we have “Teen Titan’s Go! To the Movies” (PG).

For Middle School & Older in the Youth Room we have “Ant-Man and the Wasp” (PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is “BlacKkKlansman”

(R) (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



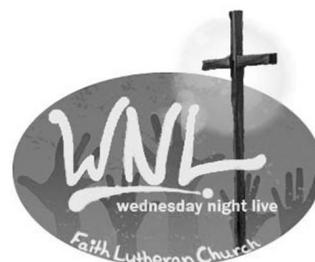
Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, Oct 31st –NO WNL

Wednesday, Nov 7th –WNL with Men’s team for cooking and clean-up.

Wednesday, Nov. 14th—WNL w/ Women’s team for cooking and clean-up.

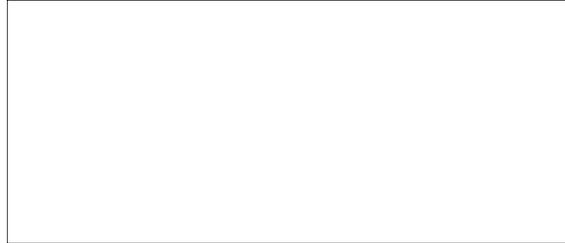
Wednesday, Nov. 21st —WNL w/HS team for cooking and clean-up.





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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

9:00 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.