



## Bethlehem Born

At Bethlehem Born,

At Nazareth brought up,

He lived in Galilee.

A sign in the sky; we saw it ourselves.

How the star shone! The shepherds that night

In the fields fell to their knees in amazement and said:

Glory to the Father, alleluia.

Glory to the Son and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (Fourth Century)



**December 24 is unique this year in that the Fourth Sunday in Advent is observed in the morning liturgy, 9:00 am only. Christmas Eve worship is celebrated at 5:30 and 9:00 pm. Please consider worshipping Sunday morning as the church closes out the Advent season and then returning in the evening for the celebration of Jesus Birth!**

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Jen, Leif and I wish you a very Blessed Christmas and hopeful New Year.

Peace,

Pastor John Albertson

## Faith Church News

**We continue to pray for** Coreen Hein, Dave Kroeger, Joyce Smith, Ben Woods.

**Special thanks to everyone** who provided gifts and cards to Marion Senior Living and Marion Cares. Your generosity of spirit is overwhelming!

**Have you seen the new renderings** of the kitchen update? They are located in the narthex along with a choice of colors to be voted on with your financial contributions. Brochures and giving envelopes are also available for continued support to our capital campaign.

**Coffee with Pastor will have** our annual Christmas Party & gift exchange on Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 pm in the family center. Please bring a \$5 gift and a plate of cookies or treats to share.

**Attention Good Time Rollers:** Looking for suggestions or ideas for gathering in January. Also looking for people to possibly host. Please respond by email to Marlene Pasker at [mkpbirdwatcher@fmtcs.com](mailto:mkpbirdwatcher@fmtcs.com).

**Mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas Worship Times:**

**Sunday, Dec. 24th—  
4th Sunday of Advent**

Service @ 9:00 am

**Sunday, Dec. 24th—  
Christmas Eve Worship**

Services @ 5:30 pm &  
9:00 pm



## Thank you

Thank you Faith Family for all your birthday wishes, cards, calls and coming to the church, to help my family celebrate my 80 years. I greatly appreciate the notes and comments in the cards as well as when you greeted me. It was a special day for sure. Thank you to my family for their planning and work.

Daisy Roehr

## Bell Choir

Would you like to ring in the bell choir? Steve Roggow will be getting the bell choir back together for ringing starting in January and continuing through April or May. Anyone who can read music can play bells and it's a good stewardship for your church and fun! If you are interested please contact Steve Roggow at 319.270.5253 or [swroggow@gmail.com](mailto:swroggow@gmail.com) or our church secretary Jen 377-9700 or [secretary@faithlutheran.org](mailto:secretary@faithlutheran.org).

## Born in the Stable

**The Faith Lutheran Youth Nurture  
Christmas Program**

When: December 17, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: Faith Lutheran Church

Attention all Sunday School Students, Parents and Faith Members. the Sunday School Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 pm.

A dessert reception fundraiser sponsored by Faith's Youth to benefit our youth scholarship fund. Our theme this year is Born in a Stable"



Come join us as you prepare for your special Christmas!

## Desserts Needed

Please sign up for desserts needed for the reception to follow the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 17th. Please sign up on the welcome table in the narthex. All proceeds from the free will offering will go to youth scholarships for Faith kids attending the camps and the National Gathering.

## Faith's Women's Retreat

Make plans to join us at Indian Creek Nature Center on Saturday, January 20th from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Our presentation and discussion will be led by Alida Selim of the Islamic Center of Cedar Rapids. Alida is a graduate of Cornell College and is the Youth Civic Engagement Coordinator at the ICCR and speaks to groups around the area to broaden understandings of Islam and Muslim women's experiences. Sign up now on the welcome table in the narthex.

## Sunday School Reminder:

Attention all Sunday School Parents:

Just a quick note to remind all that there will be no Sunday School on December 24th or 31st as we have only one service on both of these Sundays at 9:00 am. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 7th. Merry Christmas!

## From the Faith Lutheran Staff:



## December Movie Night

Join us for Family Movie Night on Saturday, December 16th From 7:00-9:00 pm the all ages options in the Family Center is "Despicable Me 3" (G) or for Bigger kids & Middle School in the Middle School room we have "Leap" (PG). For Middle School & Older in the Youth Room we have "Valerian and the City of 1000 Planets" PG-13). The Grown Up Pick is "The Glass Castle" (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!



## Shenanigans

Faith invites our Senior High and recent grads back to church for a fun overnight of "Shenanigans" on Friday, December 29th from 8:00 pm to Saturday, December 30th at 8:00 am.

Please bring \$5 for pizza and breakfast, snacks to share, board games and video games. Adults are needed to share the fun. Sign up at Faith's welcome table or on Facebook by December 27th.



## WNL

**Wednesday, Dec. 13th** —WNL with Men's team for cooking and clean-up

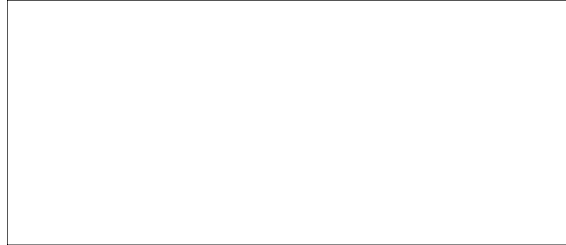
**Wednesday, Dec. 20th** —WNL with Women's team for cooking and clean-up

**Wednesday, Dec. 27th** —No WNL



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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.*

#### 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.