



Easter Message from Bishop Eaton

Getting a phone call in the middle of the night is never a good thing. I remember the second time my father had open-heart surgery. It was a long procedure and a difficult one, and after it was done the doctor called us to his office and said, “There’s been some bleeding. We’ll let you know, but you should go home now and rest.” And so going home that night, I listened for a phone call in the middle of the night and was awakened only to find out it was morning and it was birds singing, not the phone ringing. My father had made it through the night, and in fact he did recover from the surgery.

This is the joy we feel at Easter, but magnified. All of the hope that had been dashed on Good Friday, the terrible pressure of grief, the terrible pressure of knowing there was no future in the world, only on Sunday to be greeted not by the ringing of a telephone announcing death but the loud clear singing of alleluias. This is the joy we have, and it’s a promise so strong that even when we do die, even when we do confront death, we have the hope and the assurance of eternal life.

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Easter makes it possible for us, even at the grave, to sing alleluia. Christ is risen. Alleluia. Happy Easter, dear church.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Joyce Smith, David (Joyce Smith's son), (Janette) Deb Bell Geiser's mother, Shannon Stark's stepfather.

We extend our sympathy to Rosemary Herrington and family on the recent passing of her brother, Dean Maurer.

Daytime Disciples will meet on Tuesday, May 7th at 1:00 pm. All women are invited to attend.

Synod Assembly will be May 10th & 11th at Lutheran Church of Hope in Des Moines.

The Men's Breakfast Group will meet on Wednesday, May 29th at 9:00 am. All men are welcome to join in this great food and fellowship! See Dave Kroeger for questions.

Mark your calendars and plan for the next church directory photography dates on October 17-19th here at Faith Lutheran Church through Lifetouch Directories. More information will follow in a few months but we wanted our members to get the dates on your calendar and share the news with your family.

Volunteers are needed at the Marion Food Pantry in a variety of capacities. Check them out of Facebook/ marionfoodpantry.

Library Likes



Our library has a shelf labeled "Donations." Yes, the Faith Lutheran Library is willing to take donations. The books need to be in good shape (not torn, battered, or smelly). Fiction and non-fiction are welcome. DVDs are okay, but VCR tapes? Not so much. If Pastor John decides the material isn't compatible with his sense of what we should be offering, he may recommend we donate it to a public library instead.

Donating huge numbers of books at one time will be hard for us to process, so just a few books at any one time is better. Questions?

Check with Deb Aldrich or Pastor John.

Faith Lutheran Reads

Faith Reads: All are welcome to join us for a discussion of the book *The Faith Club*. We will be meeting during Sunday School time in the Library on Sunday, May 19. This book covers a lot of topics, so a few questions you might want to think about as you read the book are: 1) Which issues that the three women discuss strike a chord with you? What surprises you? 2) What do these women find they and their religions have in common? 3) As a Lutheran, what do you believe that is similar to or different from the beliefs expressed in the book? Bring your thoughts and questions to our conversation as we look at the Jewish, Islamic, and Christian perspectives presented in this book. Several people have said they are not going to be here on May 19th, so we are working on scheduling another discussion date in June. Stay tuned for when that will happen.



Buck a Chick Results

Our 2019 Lenten project, Buck a Chick, was very successful! We have a new winner, the Roosters! The Roosters really stepped up from the previous years! The Hens were in a close second, followed by the Chicks. We raised \$1,220.47 from the donations in the chick boxes. Thank you for helping the ELCA World Hunger in their fight against hunger!



Parish Nurse

Spring is here and it is time to clean out those medicine cabinets. If you have old medications, meaning if the prescription is older than a year, you can bring them to the police department to dispose. You can also dispose them in a tight seal bag in the trash with kitty litter or coffee grounds. Please don't dump them down the toilet, it can contaminate our water and soil. You can recycle the container after you take off the label and clean the container. Also, if the medicine has an unusual color, odor or doesn't taste right, dispose of it as well.



The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is May 12th in the associate pastor's old office after service. Also, I am free to discuss any healthcare concern you may have. 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!

Faith Farm Update

Feed Iowa First picked corn and potatoes for us to plant and grow this year! We will be planting on May 5th from 2-4pm. What to bring: shovel, hoe, hand tools, water to drink and buckets/watering cans to water after planting. We are going to be hand digging to plant the corn and potatoes. If you want to help plant but can't dig, we still want you to come and help to put seeds in the ground. If you can't help with planting, we are looking for people to help with watering, weeding and pick or transport the food to where it needs to go. Just sign up at the Feed Iowa First table in the narthex. We need everyone's help in this wonderful cause! If you have any questions, please let Christy Pratt know. Thanks!

Fellowship Event

Good Time Rollers will be going to see "The Church Basement Ladies" at the Old Creamery Theater in the Amana's on Saturday, May 18th at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$28.50 and reservations need to be made by May 4th with payment to Marlene Pasker Box 146. Optional dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn at 5:30 pm. Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.

VBS & Day Camp Signup

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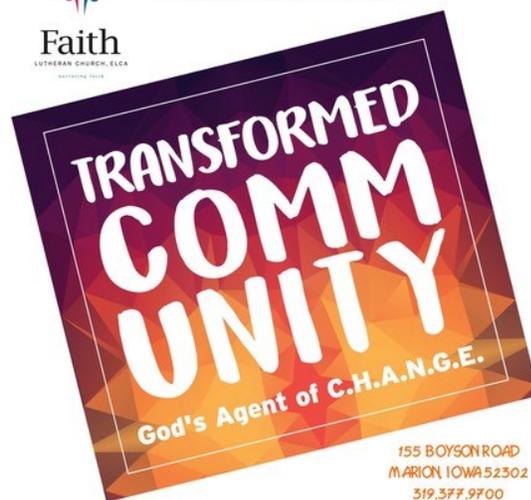
JULY 8TH-11TH

EWALU DAY CAMP

JULY 8TH-12TH



Faith
LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
MARION, IOWA



Wednesday Night Live

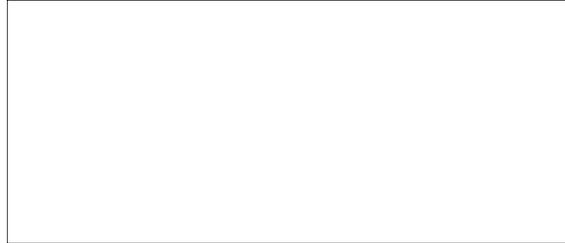
Wednesday, May 1st—Final WNL—Worship & Seniors with HS for cooking and clean-up!





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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.