

FAITH NOTES



From The Pastor...

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Spring is here, the stone has been rolled away, and Christ is alive! Thanks be to God! As I sat down to write this brief letter to you all, I found myself struggling not to end every sentence with an exclamation point! And I'm not the only one. If you look through the Easter section of our hymnal, you will notice an abundance of hymn titles and lyrics that end in a "!"

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (ELW 377), Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (ELW 382), A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (ELW 393), Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (ELW 373), The Day of Resurrection! (ELW 361)...I'm sure there are more!

The realities and promises of Easter- of resurrection and new life- are simply too amazing, surprising, and too wonderful to fully express with a period! Easter calls for loud shouts of praise and overflowing joy! Easter calls for exclamation points!!!

In Peace,
Pastor Katie!

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9a.m.-1p.m.

Sunday School: 8:45 a.m.
Sundays Sept.-April

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Thank you to all of our supper providers for our mid-week gatherings during this Lenten season! Offerings given for the meals will be given to U of IA Children's Hospital, Little Red Foundation, Clinton County Special Athletes, Local Pantries, and Holden Village

Holy Week Schedule

Thursday, April 2nd- Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3rd- Good Friday Worship 6:15 p.m. at
St. John's in Preston

Sunday, April 5th- Easter Sunday Worship 7:00 a.m.
& 10:00 a.m.

(Breakfast held between services)

The Men of Faith will be cooking up Easter breakfast between the 7am and 10am services on Easter morning.

Contact Jim Jacobs, if you would like to help.



Silly Sunday is April 12th! "Holy Humor Sunday" is observed to celebrate Jesus' resurrection, that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. It also gives us an opportunity to celebrate, and give thanks for our own smaller resurrections in the world and this life. Dressing and being silly in encouraged! Last year Pastor Katie dressed as a giraffe. What will she look like this year?



Stations of the Cross

The Clinton Ministerial Association & The Catholic Historical Center at St. Boniface are hosting *The Way of the Cross*, an Ecumenical event on Good Friday, April, 3rd. There are two options for the event.

Option 1: Walk With the Cross: Gather at Christ Episcopal Church, 2100 N 2nd St, Clinton at 11:30 a.m.

The group will walk with the wooden cross to St. Boniface for the Stations of the Cross at noon.

Option 2: Stations of the Cross: gather at St. Boniface Church, 2520 Pershing Blvd, Clinton at 11:40 a.m. Music begins at 11:45 a.m., stations of the cross will be at noon.

More information can be found in the entryway or contact the office.

Mission

Statement:

"We are a welcoming people of God, striving to reflect Jesus Christ's love and grace, and open to the work of the Holy Spirit."

CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Tricia Perron

Vice President: Andra Eggers

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Dawn Popelka

Property & Management:
Brad Peters & James Wilke

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Barb Randolph

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Julie Peters



The Andover Lions Club is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 10am in the Andover Park.



As farmers prepare for and begin their planting season, on Sunday, April 19th, we will bless water, seeds, and soil and pray for a successful year of crops. You are invited to bring your seeds, gardening gloves, tools, etc. to be blessed. Wear your gardening or farming clothes too!



If you missed our Property Committee meeting and still want to be part of the group, please let Brad Peters or James Wilke know!

We will be picking up sticks and cleaning up the grounds of the church on Saturday, April 11th from 9am-12pm. Bring your rakes, work gloves, etc. All are invited to help!



The Garden Committee will be hosting a Zucchini Cookoff for fellowship on Sunday, April 19th. Please sign up in the entryway if you would like to participate. Voting will take place for the tastiest dish!



Our deepest sympathy to Gary Frahm and family on the passing of his mother, Carol Frahm.

Thank you all for donating your extra plastic bags! I no longer have a need for bags at this time as I have been given plenty. I make about one mat a month and will be slowing down over the summer months. I will look for more bags in the fall. Thanks again, folks! - Jack



Faith Lutheran Church wants to send our youth to camp!

If your child has ever wanted to give camp a try, now is the time!

1. Choose a Lutheran Church Camp, or special needs camp
2. Fill out the registration form, give it to Jamie in the office.
3. Pay a non-refundable \$50 registration fee, and Faith will pay the rest!

Chuck will be Camp Grandpa at EWALU August 2-7 if your child would be comfortable with a familiar face.



The ladies have been busy making quilts again this year! Quilt Dedication is Sunday, May 3rd during 10 a.m. worship. Newly married couples and first-born babies in a family are able to choose a quilt of their choice. All other quilts are donated to area agencies in need.

Questions?
Call the church office at 563-682-7629

Faith Lutheran Church Women News & Events April 2026

April 7: Bible Study

Hostess: Marcy Wilcke at church
Bible Leader: Kathy Harmsen

April 12: Andover Lions 45th

Anniversary celebration during Fellowship after worship.
- All community men and women are welcome.

April 15: Sewing (3:00 – 7:00pm)

with Confirmation Students & Pizza at 6:00 pm.
- All are welcome.

April 16 and 17: Sewing (10:00 – 3:00pm)

- Drop in anytime
- Bring scissors & pliers
- Bring your lunch and friend
- April 17 depends how much gets finished on the 15th & 16th.

April 25: Cluster V Gathering

Held @ St. Johns Lutheran Church in Preston, IA
8:30 – 12:30 pm



Please join us for sewing and pizza.

On April 15, all members of Faith Lutheran are welcome to help sew quilts starting at 3:00 pm.

The Confirmation Students will then join us with Pizza for all at 6:00 p.m. We will make sure to have lots of Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza.

Desserts and drinks will also be provided.

We have many quilts that need tying before our Quilt Dedication Sunday on May 3, 2026.

All Are Welcome

Cluster V Gathering

St John's

Preston, IA

April 25, 2026

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

- 8:30 – Registration/ Refreshments
- Speaker- *Coby Johnson from Jackson County Hospice*
- Bible Verse is Psalm 7: 26
- Luncheon following Program
- Love Gift donations are non perishable items for Manna Center
- Cost is \$7.00 per person,
- Sign up sheet available in entry way or let Virginia know for reservations due 4/20/26.

Save the Date
Sunday, May 3, 2026
During Worship
Quilt Dedication

Future Fellowship and Fun

The FLCW are making plans to visit the Clinton Public Library this summer including seeing information on the Memory Lab Maker.

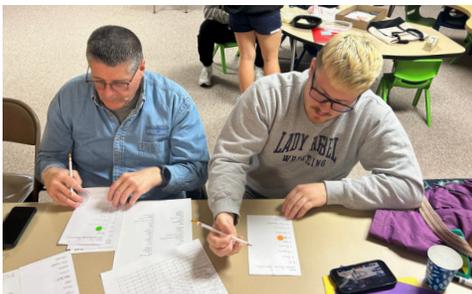
Date and time to be announced.

Our last day of Sunday School until fall is on Sunday, April 26th. We look forward to seeing our kids at VBS June 8th-12th!



Thank you to our trivia teams, meal preparers and servers and supporters for another successful Trivia Night! It was a fun evening of laughs and finding out how much or how little we really know. Congratulations to The Defenders who won for the third year in a row!

The FLCW Coloring Contest was a hit! There were over 20 beautiful entries to vote on! Congratulations to the winners:
 Pre-School-Kindergarten: Kipp Hoffman
 1st-3rd Grade: Jake Peters
 4th-6th Grade: Anna Friedrichsen
 7th-8th Grade: No entries
 High School: Allegra Luckritz
 Adults: Kim Hess & Pastor Katie



Jim and Mason scoring answer sheets.



Winners: The Defenders



Team Cyclone Power



Chuck and Jack scooping ice cream at intermission.



Team Friends Forever



Allegra, the MC of the night.



We had 7 teams join us this year!

1. Brandon Gay
5. Chelsea Gripman
9. Brandon Hansen
11. Sheridan Petersen, Erna Rickertsen, Rod Luckritz, LaRee Krogman
13. Vickey Sander
14. Noelle Peters
16. Kathy Shoup, Brady Seamer
17. Judy Petersen
20. Judy Smith, Hadley Wilke
21. Phyllis Marshall, Elise Perron
23. Eli Fredrich
24. Tim Hess
25. Peggy Neblung
27. Oscar Gripman
28. Danika Perron
29. Tammy Hansen
30. Allegra Luckritz



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new contact information.
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5. Glenn & Kathy Shoup
11. David & Jane Rathje
26. Scott & Brenda Banker
28. Scott & Kelli Parker
29. Brian & Brooke Lafollette

Faith Lutheran Church has a prayer chain that sends prayer requests to a list of people for those who invite prayers upon themselves or others. In respect of people's privacy, we ask that you get permission from them before adding their name to the prayer chain. If you would like to be added to the list to pray, please contact the office.

Do you have a special event or announcement? Please contact the church office if you would like the announcement in the weekly announcements or newsletter. Due to policies set in place, you **must** contact the office.