

## **What Do We Believe?**

As you enter our doors at Faith Lutheran Church, you are welcomed by simple but bold statements. Carefully cut and painted signs proclaim the creed, "Scripture Alone! Grace Alone! Faith Alone! Christ Alone! To God Alone Be the Glory!" These teachings are truly biblical, and they are the fruit of Martin Luther's Reformation, and the rediscovery of the Gospel. It is important that we keep these teachings ever before us, so that we do not lose sight of who God is, who we are, and what our relationship with Him is.

### **Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone**

We believe that the Bible is the inspired and inerrant Word of God and that it alone is the source of what we believe and what we practice. When we say that the Bible is inspired, we mean that the Holy Spirit instructed the authors of the Bible in what to write. When we say that the Bible is inerrant, we mean that it contains no errors. Lutherans are not anti-reason, or anti-tradition, or anti-experience. We simply use the scriptures to judge the validity of reason, tradition and experience, and not the other way around. We believe the Bible is God's perfect Word, and we do not add to it or subtract from it.

### **Sola Gratia: Grace Alone**

Our faith centers around the assurance that salvation is based on the unearned free gift of God's grace. Though we are sinful by nature and deserve for God to be angry with us, Jesus Christ won salvation for us by His dying on the cross to pay for our sins. We in no way contribute to this salvation, but instead receive it by mercy, and give thanks and praise for His mercy to us sinners.

### **Sola Fide: Faith Alone**

God's grace to us is received by faith in what Jesus has done for us. We believe that a Christian is to serve God and neighbor by doing good works, but that no one can be saved by good works because good works do not atone for our sins. No one can live a good enough life to get into

heaven. This is what separates Christianity from all other world religions. Other religions focus on what a person has to or what hoops we have to jump through to be made right with God. Christianity points to what Christ has done to make us right with God. Through God's Word, through Baptism and through the Lord's Supper our faith is created and sustained.

### **Solo Christo: Christ Alone**

Our only basis and assurance of salvation is the life, death and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Christianity is inclusive in the belief that Jesus died for the sins of the whole world. It is exclusive in the belief that there is no other way to heaven except through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). Jesus atoning work of dying on the cross is bigger than our sin. He is greater than death, hell and the devil. He alone is our Savior.

### **Soli Deo Gloria: Glory to God Alone**

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe, teach and confess that all glory and honor are to be given to Him alone. He is the Creator of all things. He is the Savior of mankind and the only way to heaven. He creates and sustains faith in our hearts, and gives us everything we need to daily sustain our bodies and lives. He alone is the Author of all that is good. We are to put our fear, love and trust in Him alone.

Guided by these principles, we will understand and approach God's Word in a faithful and godly way. Always remember the Five Solas as you continue your life of faith!

Under His Mercy,

Pastor Killian

***Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone,  
and to God Alone be the Glory!"***

**Worship Schedule: Sundays @ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.**  
Holy Communion is served every Sunday

Lenten services at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays in March

Pre-service supper: During the season of Lent, midweek services and congregational potlucks will be each Wednesday evening. Services will be at 7:00 p.m. up to Holy week. Meals will start for students and staff at 5:00 p.m. with class from 5:30 until 6:45 p.m.

Congregational meals will be 5:30-6:30 p.m.

- March 4 the menu will be Pizza,
- March 11 will be a soup supper,
- March 18 will be a Taco Bar,
- March 25 will be open pot luck.

Please sign up for food & check menu ideas each week on the door of fellowship hall. Join us each week for food, fellowship and worship as we follow the road of suffering our Lord endured out of great love for us----- sinners.

## Bible Study Schedule

You are encouraged to join us for Bible study on:

**Sundays 9:15 a.m.:**

**Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.: New Bible study starting!**

Justification & Sanctification.

### Office hours:

Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

**Web site:** [www.faihtupontherock.com](http://www.faihtupontherock.com) Check it out. If you have ideas of things you would like to see on it, send them to Kie.

**Spring Cleaning:** We have scheduled the annual spring cleaning of the church for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> we will start at 10:00 a.m. There will be sign-up sheets on the kitchen counter the 15<sup>th</sup> that people can choose an area that they would like to help clean. If you can't help on the 21<sup>st</sup>, you can sign up to do some cleaning any day or time before then. There are tasks available for adults and youth alike. Please join us.

**Easter Lilies may be ordered** by signing up on the bulletin board or calling the office, 236-1771. The cost is \$11.00 and includes delivery. The deadline for ordering is March 29, Palm Sunday. You may designate if your lily is in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Mark your check on the memo line "for Easter Lily."



## Easter

### Breakfast

The deacons will again be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 5. They voted at their board meeting to use the free will offering to help both seminaries. The funds will be split between Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and Concordia Seminary in Saint Louis. They have requested matching funds from the Black Hawk County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

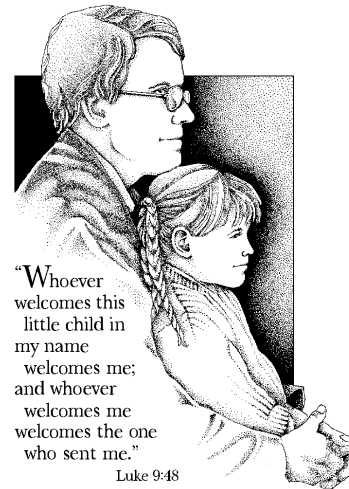
The elders have set a goal of \$1,000.

As in the past, your help will be needed to provide food and manpower. There is a sign-up sheet posted for donations.

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We know children can be a handful in a worship service. We believe God wants your children to be part of the worship time and so do we.

You can begin training them as soon as they can sit by themselves. To help you, here are some suggestions. First - Worship with them, teaching them the pattern of worship. Folding hands during prayers is a good place to begin and standing when the congregation does. As they get older teach them to follow the service in the hymnal or with a large print bulletin. Teach them the hymns so they can sing with you. During the sermon, let



"Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."  
Luke 9:48

them color or play quietly.

And finally – they are children and will not be perfect. We expect an occasional “melt down” so hang in there. There is a monitor in the Sunday school room at the end of the hall on the right. You can sit in a chair back there and listen to the service till your child calms down. While following the service from back there, you will know when communion starts so you can come out and receive the holy gift.

**Voters’ Meeting** If you would like a copy of the minutes from the Voters meeting in January, please call the office.

**NEW FLOWER CHART for 2015** is on the bulletin board. There are still dates available to provide flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion

**Daylight Savings Time:** Remember Daylight Savings Time starts, on March 8. So turn your clocks ahead before you go to bed Saturday night.



### Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Floyd Burroughs, Windsor Care Center, 2305 Crescent Dr., CF  
Steve Boyken, Ravenwood Care Center, Waterloo  
Kathy Boyken, Ravenwood Care Center, Waterloo  
Dona Carter, 5605 Sierra Dr. Waterloo 50701  
Shirley Clement, 1442 Prospect Blvd, Waterloo 50701  
Rande Galle, 3261 Ansborough Ave. Waterloo 50701  
Dale Holmes, 2104 Parrish, Cedar Falls 50613  
Leona Jeanne Perkins, 203 Lake St., Cedar Falls 50613  
Geneva Wardius, 707 5<sup>th</sup> St, PO Box 26, Dike IA 50624

**OFFICIAL ACTS in February:** None

### CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER for the BLIND

Thank you to Noreen Purcell and Jill Killian for planning the Blind Outreach in February. One of our Blind guests has requested a ride from Cedar Falls for our Wednesday Bible Study. If you would be able to help out with that, call Mike Smith, 296-2342. Thank you



Please contact Kie Maas, 231-5711, Jill Killian, 429-3115, or Noreen Purcell, 230-8786, if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry.

### Donate your Old Eyeglasses

Your eyeglasses (reading and distance) as well as non-prescription sunglasses will be distributed to children and adults in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Reading glasses and sunglasses are especially needed! <http://www.uniteforsight.org/donation.php>

#### Importance of Your Eyeglass Donation

- People in developing countries need eyeglasses but cannot afford them.

In remote areas of the world villagers have traveled days on foot to reach locations where missions have been temporarily set up. The costs however would be more than most recipients make in a year. It is money they and their families desperately need to survive.

In cases where eyesight is very poor a pair of glasses can mean recipients are suddenly employable, or family members will be able to see what their loved ones and their surroundings truly look like for the first time in their lives. Suddenly having clear vision, when there was once no hope, is an experience of such magnitude that its joys cannot be fully expressed except through the looks on patients' faces when first looking at their new world. Clean out your drawers, and bring in your old glasses. You may be surprised how many glasses we collect that are no longer needed or wanted. Put them in the box in the Narthex marked, “Glasses for Missions.” Thank you

**HOSPITAL STAY-** Pastor Killian does make it a priority to visit the hospitals. However, the hospital will not call us to let us know when one of our members is admitted. If you know ahead of time that you are going to be hospitalized, please indicate that on your record of fellowship or speak with Pastor Killian. If you are admitted suddenly, call or have a friend or relative call the church office for you.



### LUTHER’S CORNER: PRAYERS

Almighty God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we can not always stand upright: Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen

## YOUTH GROUP

WILL MEET Wednesdays - March 4 and 18 – Youth Bible Study at Church, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (1 hour of studying the Bible and 1 hour of playing games)



Sunday, March 8 – Youth will be providing donuts between services for free will donation to help fundraise for future events (...and also to get people to go into the parish hall and check their mail boxes and possibly stay for adult Bible study :)

Y4Life: Answering THE question of our generation

Y4Life is here to help youth and young adults answer what may be the most important questions of our generation: Find Y4Life Blog at [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015** - March begins the spring quarter in Sunday school. Lessons will focus on Jesus' journey to the cross, death, and resurrection for us – sinners. What great love. Lent teaches about love, forgiveness, sacrifice, and prayer. It leads us to the joy and promise of Easter. Share the Lenten devotional as a family along with the services on Wednesdays to gain a greater understanding of our faith. Students are also learning Lenten and Easter songs together on Sunday mornings; hearing God's word through music. Please feel free to join us at opening or classes anytime and share in our learning.

*"I am the vine you are the branches... If you remain in me and my word remains in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you. This is in my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit..."* John 15:5a,7,8

### Lessons :

Mar. 1 Jesus clears the Temple John 2: 13-22  
Mar. 8 The Lord's Supper & Judas' Betrayal Luke 21 & 22  
Mar. 15 Peter denies Jesus & Gethsemane Mark 14: 26-72  
Mar. 21 Crucifixion, death, & burial Mark 15: 1-16:8  
Mar. 29 Palm Sunday Matt. 21

**Heroes of the Faith** will continue to be the focus of the middle school class.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone donating snacks each Sunday morning! The students really enjoy them.

## CONFIRMATION AND WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Lent continues to be the focus for the month of March. Students are learning about the visible changes they see – the colors of purple and black, the symbols of the cross, the crucifix, crown of thorns, Jesus' suffering. The songs are more solemn, sad, and slower; no alleluias, and the liturgy omits certain parts. The focus is on more time spent in prayer and repentance, thinking how much Jesus suffered for us and our sins. Join with the staff and students in committing yourselves to really trying to understand a deeper meaning of faith, sacrifice, and love during Lent.

Remember, meals are being offered each Wednesday from 5:00 - 5:30 pm for staff and students during Lent. A menu is posted on the door near the kitchen. The congregation then eats from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, with worship at 7:00 pm. **There will be NO CLASSES MARCH 18 during spring break**, resuming on March 25. Thank you for supporting Wednesday activities through prayer and helping to educate the next generation of believers.

*"...He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."* 2 Peter 3:9b

**Plan Ahead - Easter Breakfast** for all followed by Easter video and egg hunt for students on April 5, 2015. Look for more details in next month's newsletter.

**Tori Killian's Wedding Shower** - Please join us for a wedding shower in honor of Tori Killian on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at church. It will be hosted by Bev Johnson, Noreen Purcell and Rebecca Evers. Please RSVP to Noreen at 319-230-8786.

**Do you have information** that you would like to share with the congregation? Please bring it or e-mail it ([Faihluth@aol.com](mailto:Faihluth@aol.com)) to the office by **March 20** to be included in the April Newsletter.



## Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

### 2015 Summer Camp Theme: **SET FREE**

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” – John 8:34-36*

Jesus comes to set you free. Throughout His ministry, Jesus healed the sick, made the deaf hear, the lame walk, and the blind see. Yes, He even forgave people their sins. Through the lens of His ministry, we see Jesus’ death on the cross and His resurrection as the ultimate act of setting people free. Jesus paid the price so that we are freed from being slaves to sin.

Being a slave means that someone owns you, and sin owns people. Even some of our most beloved biblical figures have been slaves to their sinfulness. King David and the Apostles Peter and Paul are some of those who have been owned by sin. They were enslaved to sins such as hatred, denial, adultery, lying, deceit, and even murder. Their mistakes are sins that we can relate to. David, Peter, and Paul were freed from their sins. By delivering the forgiveness Jesus won on the cross, the Holy Spirit sets us free from our sins too, just as they were! Their freedom from their sins is something we can relate to. Join us this coming summer as we explore their stories and our own stories of being *Set Free*.

**Summer camp registration is open!** We are adding two more programs to our lineup. The first is Basketball Camp for Jr. High youth and the second is Defending the Faith Camp, which is an apologetics themed camp for Sr. High youth. Stay tuned for more information on these programs at our website and on our Facebook page!

### **WOMEN OF FAITH** met Feb 11th with 8 members

present. Hostesses were Geri Mahnke and Harriet DeBolt. Grace Kole, Development Director of the Salvation Army was our guest speaker. She was very enjoyable and gave us a lot of information about their services. Our next meeting will be March 10th, 6:30 pm At Faith. We are to bring a comfort food to share, and will also be making Easter cards. All women are invited to attend.

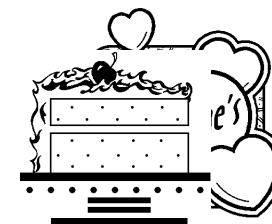
**March to the HEARTLAND!!** Have you decided on your mode of transportation? Check out the possibilities and begin panning. Your convention fund should be about complete. If not,

it’s time to pick up the pace and march. Convention Logo Polo Shirt mail orders need to be postmarked no later than May 15. The postmark deadline is June 1 to be able to pick up your shirt at the convention. Be looking for your workier assignment packet around the middle of April. Then register per the instructions provide. Pray for all plans to come together, that coordination of events is on schedule and that our focus is on our best service to the One who offers nourishment. Please go to th hos websites to view the Host Committee Convention Newsletter *Bountiful Blessings*. The websites are <http://idwlcms.org/lwmlnews.php> or <http://www.lwml-ied.org/>

*“This will bring health to your body and **nourishment** to your bones.”*  
Proverbs 3:8

### March Anniversaries

- 27 John & Joyce McBride (41)
- 28 Dale & Ardie Holmes (60)



### March Birthdays

- 5 Donna Klein, Matthew Wagner
- 6 Kaiden Sprague
- 8 Sue Lund
- 10 Justin Galloway, Jacob Hinz, Pam Mommens
- 14 Avery Behnke, Becky Dalluge
- 15 Becky Roethler
- 17 Sylvia Nordbrock
- 21 Kate Henderson
- 23 Samantha McBride, Noreen Purcell
- 27 Kent Larsen
- 29 Becky Burns, Barbara Early
- 30 Aaron Oltmann
- 31 Robin Wireman



### So many people do so much

around our church that may go unnoticed. Here are some things that have been noticed:

- Thank you to Rebecca Evers for doing the March newsletter while Kie is gone.
- The Sunday School children for sharpening the pencils from the

Sanctuary.

- Thanks to Gordon Elbert for preparing the year end offering statements and keeping track of offerings all year.
- Thanks to Carey Frost for organizing the spring cleaning.

If you have noticed something or someone that should be recognized, please notify Kie in the office, [faithluth@aol.com](mailto:faithluth@aol.com)

**Stewardship Thought:** St. Paul states in Romans 6:12-23, that because of Christ we have changed masters. Without Christ we are slaves to sin, but with Christ we are freed from that bondage to be willing servants of righteousness. As Christians we practice good stewardship not as a burden but rather as a privilege. That makes stewardship a joyful lifestyle.

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY

#### Giving back as we've been blessed!

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total undesignated income             | \$ 14272.01 |
| Required to meet budget               | \$ 13875.68 |
| Status (offerings compared to budget) | + \$ 396.33 |
| Year To Date                          | + \$ 396.33 |

### The Lutheran Hour-

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday morning on the following stations:

- 6:30 a.m. on WMT 600 AM
- 7:30 a.m. on KCHA 1580 AM
- 8:00 a.m. on KWAY 1470 AM
- 9:30 a.m. on KXEL 1540 AM

The Lutheran Hour also podcast their broadcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

#### March 1, "The True Author of Your Life Story"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
When Christ's story becomes yours by faith, life changes. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

#### March 8, "Lifted Up"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
When sinful pride lays us low, God's grace in Christ lifts us up again. (Psalm 103:8-12)

#### March 15 "The Power of God's Enduring Forgiveness and Grace"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
Jesus offers reconciliation and restoration to those overcome by trouble and regret. (John 16:33)

#### March 22, "No Regrets? Follow Jesus!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz  
In the end, forgiven sinners will not regret having followed Jesus. (Matthew 16:21-26)

#### March 29, "Show Me"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus  
Jesus really did die and three days later He really did conquer death through His resurrection. (John 19:17-18)

### YOUR DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE CLASS... Issues,

Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's topics include: Jesus Cleanses the Temple, Jesus & Beelzebul, The Return of an Unclean Spirit, Pop American Christianity's Misinterpretation of the Bible and more. You can listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).



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Issues, Etc.™ Christ-Centered Cross-Focused Talk Radio

**MARCH 28 IS TRIVIA NIGHT**, a fundraiser for Black Hawk LFL. We will play at Valley Lutheran School beginning at 7:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available for a freewill donation. Door prizes will be awarded. Get a team together now or come and be put together with others to form a team. \$5 Per person entry fee.



Hurting from Abortion?  
**WORD of HOPE** can help.  
 888-217-8679  
[www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org)  
 CONFIDENTIAL  
 CARING

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.  
 -Numbers 6:26

# Pennies for Life!

There was \$17.77 in the donation jar. If you took a baby bottle home to fill, please return it to the office. Thank you for your support for Lutherans For Life of Iowa.

## Alternatives Pregnancy Center

1006 Decathlon Dr. Waterloo, 50701

### Offering Christian Compassion, Counsel and Care

Grounded in Christian faith, Alternatives' staff and volunteers have helped thousands of women, men and their families face their real or suspected unplanned pregnancies. We are committed to helping individuals find love, acceptance and assistance in spiritual, physical and emotional ways. At Alternatives, clients receive:

- Information about alternatives to abortion
- Education about their bodies, their babies and how to care for both.
- Assistance with diapers, baby clothing and equipment

At the current rate, one out of six women in this county will have had an abortion by age 45. Many women considering abortion are never informed about the procedure, the risks, or the development of their unborn baby.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT ALTERNATIVES

Receptionists, welcoming clients with a smile, answer telephones, help with scheduling and filing.

Housekeeping, keeping the center dust-free and clean.

Clothing sorter, sorting clothing donations and supplies according to size and need for the Caring Closet that provides necessary items for baby and mom.

Client advocate, meet with new clients to extend support, friendship and the Gospel of Jesus Christ with compassion and present positive alternatives to abortion. Conduct regular sessions with clients participating in the Caring Connection Program.

Provide spiritual nurturing and growth opportunities through regular Bible studies.

Special events, Annual Banquet, Wheels and Heels for Life, Baby Bottle Boomerang, etc. . .

Alternatives Pregnancy Center, 319-232-5683, Call for more info or to volunteer to help women in crisis.

## Three Days This Month

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

Three days this month strike me as interrelated. March 21 is [World Down Syndrome Day](#). It is a day to give thanks to God for the gift of Down syndrome children and adults and the joy and blessings they bring into so many lives. It is a day to thank God for the parents of Down syndrome children who often make sacrifices in raising such blessings. It is a day to mourn those Down syndrome babies who never make it out of the womb alive because of abortion. Some studies suggest that as many as 90% of babies with Down syndrome are aborted each year. A law passed last year in Belgium allows parents to euthanize newborns and infants who have Down syndrome or other "conditions" that would cause "suffering for the parents." The Annunciation of our Lord occurs on March 25. Luke 1:26-38 tells of this miraculous event of our Lord's incarnation as a speck in Mary's fallopian tube. It is important to remember that the Word did not become flesh in a manger, but in a womb. God taking up residence in a womb most certainly declares His love for all who reside there. God taking up residence in a womb gives value to all who reside there. That value does not depend upon our "condition" in the womb, for we all have the condition of sin from the moment of conception. The value comes from the fact that God took our place there, the first step in paying the price for the redemption of ALL human life. That leads to the third date, March 29, Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, where we see the final steps in the price of redemption. We follow Jesus from the shouts of "Hosanna" to the shouts of "Crucify." We see Him go from being the King on a donkey to the Suffering Servant on a cross. And we also see Him go from being dead and buried to resurrected and very much alive! Once again, He did this for ALL human life! Forgiveness is purchased! Eternal life secured! He wants everyone to come to the knowledge of this truth (1 Timothy 2:4). Human value, then, does not come from the absence of some "condition." It comes from the presence of God's "uncondition," His unconditional love in Jesus. Human value does not depend upon what we are able to do or not do, but upon what God has done and does for us and through us. I love the picture of a very proud and smiling Down syndrome child sporting a T-shirt that reads, "Relax! It's Only an Extra Chromosome!" Yes, it's only an extra chromosome, and it has nothing to do with value or worth, meaning or

purpose. All these come from God as He works in our lives according to His perfect will. As I like to say, God not only blesses, He decides what blessings are! Every time I meet a child, ANY child, I meet a blessing!  
Three dates: March 21—a date to thank God for people with Down syndrome. March 25—at date to thank God for sanctifying the womb and ALL who reside there. March 29—a date to thank God for paying the price for our redemption and the value it places on human life.



## Valley Lutheran School

[www.vlscrusaders.org](http://www.vlscrusaders.org)

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4520 Rownd St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Phone: 319.266.4565 Fax 319.266.4054

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Empowered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Valley Lutheran School will provide a Christ-centered learning environment in which the full potential of each student will be reached in academics and Christian service.!*

### **Motto**

Where faith and knowledge grow as one.

Dinner Auction

April 18

Waterloo Elks Club

Call the office for more information