

Pastoral Care

“Pastoral care is a response to the need that everyone has for warmth, nurture, support, and caring. This need is heightened during times of personal stress and social chaos. Pastoral counseling is a reparative expression of pastoral care, seeking to bring healing to those who are suffering from crisis-induced dysfunction and brokenness.” As I look out over the congregation at any given worship service I often see people in deep pain. Grief, marriage troubles, financial distress, emotional struggles. I see kids “stressed out,” seniors worried about retirement, sick people trying to manage their treatments and many other troubles associated with living. Indeed, we all can use some pastoral care from time to time.

“Such people often trust the very fabric of their lives to the counseling skills of their pastor. Frequently the pastor is the only person they allow to enter into their private hells. In their desperate need, they open their hearts to the pastor, whether or not he or she deserves that trust. Many people in need see the pastor as a competent, trusted shepherd they ask to walk with them through their shadowed valleys.”

God of compassion, your Son Jesus Christ, the great physician, made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore to us wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Pastoral care and counseling is tricky these days. Because of privacy laws hospitals and care centers are no longer able to give out patient information. It is left up to the family to inform the pastor. Nevertheless, I not only welcome the invitation, I take seriously the opportunity to bring God’s healing promises to folks in need. **It is never an inconvenience, a disruption, a bother,** or any other excuse not to **contact me directly.** I am not on facebook; I am, however, available most often by cell phone 319-651-8171. As God’s representative, I stand willing to extend the ministry of the church in acts of prayer, sacrament and service. Service of the Word for healing will be held on June 22-23 as part of the liturgy.

Source: Clinebell, Basic Types of Pastoral Care.

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Peace,

Pastor John Albertson



Faith Church News

We continue to pray for Louie Zumbach, Shannon Stark's stepfather.

We express our sympathy to Carole Tichel and family on the recent passing of her husband, Gunter. The funeral was held here at Faith on Friday, May 24th.

Bell Choir Director needed. Contact Steve Roggow at 270-5253 or swroggow@gmail.com.

Daytime Disciples will meet on Tuesday, June 4th at 1:00 pm. All women are invited to attend.

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.

Gifts to ELCA World Hunger are currently being matched at 100% until they reach \$150,000. To donate go to elca.org and click on World Hunger.

Summer Fun Club Mime Cast Dinner & Bonfire will take place on Wednesday, June 5th from 6:00-9:00 pm. Meet at Faith Lutheran.

Thrivent Night at the Ballpark

Bring your friends and family to "Thrivent Night at the Ballpark—A Special Olympics Celebration!" Cheer on the Cedar Rapids Kernels as they battle the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers on Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 pm at Veterans Memorial Stadium. Discounted reserved club seating tickets are available for purchase until June 4 for \$8 from Dave Koch.



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, June 9th. 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.



Take Away Hunger

Join us for a joint project between St. Pius X and Faith! This is a meal packaging event on Saturday, June 29th hosted at St Pius X. It will begin at 1:30 pm with a joint prayer service. At 2-3pm, each church will provide 20 volunteers to form a total of 3 assembly lines.

Our goal is to package 7,500 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, Faith and St Pius X. The sign up sheet is on the Welcome table.

Take Away
Hunger

Cedar Rapids

Local & International Food Relief

Parish Nurse Notes

The next blood pressure and blood sugar check is June 9th 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

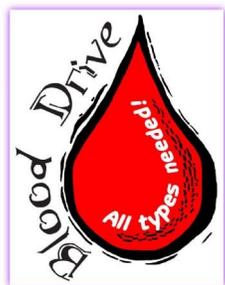
People are needing soon to help with weeding, watering and mounding the potatoes. If you are interested just sign up at the Feed Iowa First table in the narthex. We need everyone's help in this wonderful cause! If you have any questions, please let Christy Pratt know. Thanks!



**Feed Iowa
FIRST**

Marion Churches Blood Drive

The Marion Churches blood drive is Tuesday June 17th at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection from 2:30-6:30 pm. What a way to help 3-4 people at one time is to donate your blood to them. It takes only 1 hour of your time. There will be childcare on request, just let me know if you need childcare. If you haven't donated before because of the kids, now you can drop them off at the nursery and donate your blood to the drive.



New this time- gift cards! You will receive a \$10 gift card in the mail 2-3 weeks after donating. How neat is that? The signup sheet for donating is on the welcome table. If you have any questions, please contact Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithluthern.org or call 319-361-0445.

Sign up for VBS/DayCamp

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

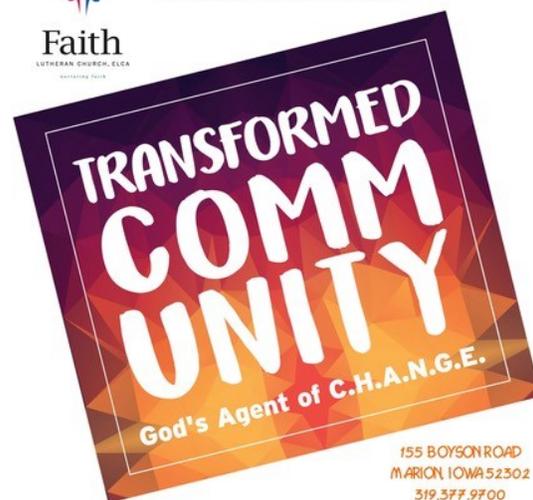
JULY 8TH - 11TH

EWALU DAY CAMP

JULY 8TH - 12TH



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Canoe Trip Food Donations

Attention Faith Members: The Annual Confirmation Canoe Trip is scheduled for June 17th-21st confirmation students. Once again, we need your help to offset the costs of this important time of fun and fellowship for our youth. In the narthex, we have a canoe trip clipboard to sign up for food donations. Items can be dropped off at the church at anytime but please have perishable items at the church by Sunday, 16th at the latest.

We appreciate your help and support making this trip possible!





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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.